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By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has declared former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham a fugitive from justice.



Buckingham

"[Buckingham] is a fugitive [from] justice, and his argument that his absence is not willful and he has not attempted to conceal his whereabouts does not shed his fugitive status," said Wiseman in an eight-page order yesterday.

Wiseman denied without prejudice Buckingham's motion to quash

the \$50,000 bench warrant he issued when Buckingham failed to attend the hearing last Aug. 6.

The judge, however, stated that he will evaluate Buckingham's motion on its merits and consider any other concerns regarding the service of penal

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## IF THE HOUSE IMPEACHES FITIAL

### Senate to request justice, judge to preside over trial

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Now that a historic impeachment process has started, the Senate is poised to ask acting Supreme Court chief justice Alejandro C. Castro, Superior Court presiding judge Robert Naraja, or their designee to preside over the

impeachment trial if the House impeaches Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said a justice or judge would only preside to ensure, among other things, a fair and orderly impeachment

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## Pension reform, contribution withdrawal bill now law

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law yesterday afternoon a long-awaited pension reform bill that gives active government employees options on what to do with the money they have already contributed to the financially troubled NMI Retirement Fund.

Those options include allowing government employees to withdraw their contributions without being penalized, continue working and transition into the U.S. Social Security system, remain with the NMI Retirement Fund in hopes that the beleaguered pension program will shape up, or roll over their defined benefit plan contributions to a defined contribution plan, among others.

But Fitial said he signed the latest version of House Bill 17-315 "with reservations," and urged the Legislature to amend the new law to remove the additional 4 percent employer contribution requirement for those who remain with the DC plan.

The governor's reservations stem from a Senate amendment wherein the employer is required to continue remitting a 4 percent employer contribution for DC plan members who elect to remain with the plan.

Fitial said this is "problem-



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signs HB 17-315 into law yesterday afternoon as staff from the Office of the Governor look on. The measure is now Public Law 17-82.

atic" for two reasons.

One, the conversion to the Social Security program becomes more disadvantageous for members of the defined benefit plan. Two, the annual budget for the government's operations will become "unbalanced."

This came even as a joint House and Senate panel is trying to come up with a compromise version of the \$114-million budget bill for fiscal year 2013.

Fitial said that continuing

employer contributions of 4 percent for DC plan members "makes the conversion less fair" because employees who elect to remain in the DC plan are maintaining an individual plan, thereby being the sole beneficiary of the employer contribution.

On the other hand, a DB plan member who remains in that plan has his or her contribution benefit all the members of the plan as a whole.

"In addition to the unfair-

ness" of the employer contribution benefiting the defined contribution plan members, the budget submission for fiscal year 2013 does not take into account the additional obligation required as a result of the continuing 4 percent contribution rate. As such, the Legislature is urged to amend this legislation to remove the additional 4 percent employer contribution requirement or identify resources so as to ensure that the budget

remains balanced," Fitial said in his transmittal message to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

HB 17-315, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 is now Public Law 17-82.

The bill's author, House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), said the newly signed law "addresses a lot of the concerns of active members," and

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# Local

## CUC owed \$32M by customers; PSS, CHC debt continues to grow

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The cash-strapped Commonwealth Utilities Corp. disclosed yesterday that it has \$32 million in receivables owed by customers as of Aug. 31, 2012.

The biggest unpaid obligation is by the government and its instrumentalities at \$12.396 million. Records show that \$1.4

million is current, which means the bill is 0-15 days old; \$3.4 million is 16-75 days old; and \$7.4 million is 75 days old and beyond.

The bulk of the government's arrears were incurred by CUC's three biggest customers: the hospital, public schools, and the central government itself, according to CUC chief financial officer

Charles Warren.

It was learned that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. owes CUC \$4.1 million as of Aug. 31, not including late fees, while the Public School System has unpaid obligations of \$3.1 million. The central government, meanwhile, has a debt of \$2.4 million.

Besides the government and its departments, many residen-

tial customers also owe CUC a total of \$11.5 million. It is composed of \$350,989 for current bills; \$1.6 million for 16-75 days old accounts; and \$9.5 million for 75 days old and beyond.

Warren said the 75 days old account is primarily composed of very old balances that need to be written off, disputed accounts that CUC is currently working

to resolve, and long-term payment agreements.

Commercial customers also owe CUC \$8 million as of Aug. 31. Of that amount, \$1.6 million is current; \$1.3 million is 16-75 days old; and \$5 million is over 75 days old and primarily composed of very old balances, some over 10 years old, and disputed accounts being worked out by CUC.

Warren said that CUC is working on several billing disputes to improve the agency's collections. He disclosed that CUC's average monthly collection this fiscal year is \$7.825 million.

"Other than billing disputes, the majority of residential and commercial customers are relatively current. We have added staff to more quickly address the billing disputes. As a result, the over 75-day balance for residential accounts has decreased

by about \$2 million since Sept. 30, 2011," Warren said.

On the other hand, he noted that receivables from government accounts continue to grow, especially for PSS and CHC.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., said yesterday that CUC is among its biggest expenditures every year. Despite the austerity measures and energy conservation plans in place, obligations continue to grow as a result of increasing power and water rates. Sablan admitted that due to budget constraints, the obligation to CUC may not be immediately addressed.

Like PSS, the healthcare corporation is also struggling to find monies for its operation, including payment for its utility consumption. The corporation is also in a state of emergency due to the lack of funds to hire needed personnel and immediate supplies for the public hospital.

## PSS struggling to purchase fuel for bus fleet

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School buses and special vans for children with disabilities may soon run out of fuel if no funding is immediately identified by the Public School System.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., described the lack of money to buy fuel for student transportation as an immediate challenge because it may render the school bus fleet non-operational.

Sablan signed yesterday a purchase order for \$1,000 worth of fuel for Rota buses. Noting the higher fuel cost on the island, she said this is only good for three days.

Sablan cited the same critical situation for Saipan buses, where gas replenishment is scheduled every two to three days.

Despite having an account for fuel expenses, PSS cannot use it without a certified funding for the purpose, she said.

"So whatever we put into our buses, that's all that we have. That's why we ask our partners on Capital Hill to help us to ensure that our school buses will continue to operate," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan pointed out that PSS is already operating at a "huge



Sablan

deficit" this fiscal year. Schools are now dipping into their educational tax credit monies to help address their immediate needs such as fuel and supplies, she added.

PSS was only allocated \$30 million this fiscal year. Of that amount, only \$2 million is for operations, including utilities and fuel costs; the rest goes to personnel costs.

Sablan said that PSS is counting on the "roll-over" funds amounting to \$4 million from the central government. This represents the unremitted budget allotments for PSS in previous fiscal years. But how soon this will be transferred to PSS remains uncertain.

According to Jack Sablan, PSS pupil transportation department manager, PSS needs about \$400 for a week's worth of fuel for just one bus on Saipan, while

each van needs about \$300.

Saipan has 16 buses and seven special vans for special education students.

On a monthly basis, Sablan said that PSS has to come up with about \$34,000 to meet the fuel supply for its Saipan bus fleet alone.

For Tinian's two buses and vans, PSS has to set aside \$500 weekly for fuel or some \$2,000 a month.

"I am really worried because we're very tight and I am afraid of what may come next for PSS," said Commissioner Sablan, adding that more than 50 percent of PSS' students are bus riders.

According to Jack Sablan, in addition to the double-session at Kagman Elementary School, some school buses on Saipan have to do double runs because of an increase in the number of riders. At KagES alone, two buses are stationed at the campus every day, he said.

## NMC hires ex-Fund counsel Timmons

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The Northern Marianas College has hired the NMI Retirement Fund's former in-house counsel, Christopher Timmons, giving him the newly created position of human resource and legal counsel director.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., confirmed Timmons' hiring, saying the college will benefit from the breadth of his experience.

"Chris is a talented attorney who has a tremendous amount of experience. He will be playing a key role in advancing the college's mission by ensuring that the college recruits the best qualified candidates for our team as well as providing well-founded and reliable legal advice," said Hart in a statement.

Timmons earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Texas in Arlington and his law degree from the Valparaiso University School of Law.

Prior to working at the college, he worked as counsel for the Fund, where he provided legal advice on the administration of the public pension program, human resource issues, and other administrative matters. He also conducted general civil litigation and drafted proposed regulations and legislation.

Timmons also had a law firm

where he was the sole practitioner handling general corporate and litigation matters.

NMC previously had separate posts for human resource director and legal counsel. The college combined the two positions to reduce outside legal expenses.

Among Timmons' responsibilities at NMC is to direct employment activities, ensuring that qualified employees are recruited and hired for positions in accordance with policies.

He will also develop programs, policies, procedures and control regarding employment, and will analyze manpower, turnover, and other personnel statistics.

His other duties are developing, supervising and participating in new employee orientation and indoctrination programs.

He will also be responsible for representing the college in legal matters, provide advice and counsel to the college in the areas of board policies, strategic planning and development, land acquisition, staffing and personnel actions, contracts, management agreements, program proposals, and public-private partnership transactions.

The new counsel will also serve as contract administrator for all college contracts, grants, and affiliation agreements for compliance with federal and CNMI laws and regulations.



Timmons



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

Dr. Peter Lilienthal, chief executive officer of HOMER Energy, a company that specializes in analyzing electrical island microgrids and designing integration of renewable energy into the existing grids, addresses Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and guests at Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan on Sept. 5. He said integrating renewable energy into an existing diesel power grid is now cost-effective and works best on Saipan where utility costs are high.

## Judge: Fitial cannot abolish Fund using his reorganization powers

**»'Public interest will be gravely harmed if governor is allowed to enforce executive order'**

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has ruled that the public interest will be gravely harmed if Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is allowed to enforce his executive order that declares a state of emergency for the NMI Retirement Fund.

"The implications may be potentially devastating for the Commonwealth. It is in the public interest to [stop the] enforcement of Executive Order 2012-06," said Tydingco-Gatewood in a written temporary restraining order issued Monday.

The TRO prohibits Fitial from enforcing the executive order.

The judge said that Fitial and the CNMI government have failed to even try to show an "emergency" to defend the executive order.

Furthermore, Tydingco-Gatewood said, the defendants have also failed to show that Fitial's and the Legislature's intentional violation of the law by failing to pay the required revenues into the Fund is a "disaster."

The two unnamed plaintiffs are therefore likely to prevail on their claims that the executive order is not justified by the governor's emergency powers, she said.

The judge noted that the executive order also purports to abolish the Fund's board of trustees. She ruled, however, that Fitial cannot abolish the Fund under his "reorganization" powers.

Tydingco-Gatewood pointed out that Article 3, Section 21 of

the NMI Constitution provides that the "members of such a board or commission shall be independent and may be removed only on grounds of gross neglect or dereliction of duty, breach of fiduciary duty, conviction of a felony, or mental or physical incapacity."

Citing precedent, the judge said that Fitial's reorganization power cannot be exercised in violation of the constitutional limits in Section 21 for removal of sitting board members without good cause, nor can it be used to vest their powers in the governor who is not "independent."

Tydingco-Gatewood said the executive order appears to exceed Fitial's authority, and plaintiffs are likely to prevail in their request to enjoin it.

On the irreparable harm issue, judge emphasized that a judgment against the CNMI government issued by the federal court can be collected on regardless of the Legislature because the court is not a co-equal branch of the CNMI government.

The judge determined that the implementation of the executive order will likely constitute an irreparable loss given the Fund's current status.

Tydingco-Gatewood said there is little doubt that the unnamed plaintiffs and the class will suffer grave harm if a TRO is not granted.

"Allowing the governor to dismiss the trustees, dissolve the Fund, and suspend all laws governing retiree benefits will severely harm plaintiffs and the class," she said.

The only harm the defendants will suffer if the executive order is stopped from taking effect is their pre-existing and fundamental obligation to obey the law, she added.



# \$10,000 cash bail set for ex-Power 99 disc jockey

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Bail was set yesterday at \$10,000 cash for a former disc jockey of Power 99 Studio who is accused of setting fire to the company's

vehicle at Paseo de Marianas in western Garapan.

The 27-year-old Aziz Peter Mettao was arrested and taken to the Superior Court on charges of arson and other related offenses.

As part of the bail conditions, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered Mettao to stay away from the Power 99 radio station.

Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 19 at 9am.

Arson investigator Norman Skilling stated in his report that police received a report on Monday at 3:51am that a vehicle was on fire west of the Power 99 building.

Police officer Daniel Smith, who responded to the scene, came upon a silver Hyundai Tucson with license plate ADY-761 with its interior engulfed in flames. A firefighter then arrived and extinguished the flames.

The vehicle sustained extensive damage inside. Its window glasses were shattered and the upper portion of the front windshield had cracks.

Skilling said a witness told Smith that he was playing chess with another man just south of the Power 99 building when he heard a loud boom. He checked where the noise was coming from and saw a man throwing something inside the left rear window of the Power 99 vehicle.

The witness described the suspect as having long hair, slim

## ■ Two witnesses allegedly identify suspect ■ Another witness leads cop to ex-DJ's hiding place

build, wearing a pair of black pants, and using a long black shirt as a mask.

The witness saw the suspect throw a bottle inside the car, triggering a fire inside the vehicle. He saw the suspect again throw another bottle at the car, but this time the bottle bounced off.

The witness said a fire caught the suspect in the back. The witness and his companion chased the suspect who ran toward a house.

The witness described the suspect as the same one who used to work as a disc jockey at Power 99.

The second witness provided Smith the same information but added that he saw the suspect taking off the black shirt that he was using as a mask.

The second witness said the suspect looked at him and that

he recognized him as former DJ Mettao.

While Smith was still at the scene, a person approached and disclosed that Mettao was hiding behind a house near the area.

Smith spotted Mettao and escorted him to the main road where he then called the two witnesses. The witnesses positively identified Mettao as the person they saw burning the vehicle.

Smith placed Mettao under arrest at 5:14am. Smith later searched around the house where the suspect was hiding and recovered a gasoline container and a box that contained beer bottles.

Power 99 general manager Tina Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* that Mettao used Molotov cocktails to burn the company's vehicle.

At yesterday's hearing, assistant public defender Daniel Guidotti served as counsel for the suspect. Assistant attorney general Chemere K. McField appeared for the government.



## OPEN HOUSE

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic staffers join Public Safety personnel in a souvenir photo at the Cancer Prevention and Betel Nut Studies booth, one of the several that were set up for the clinic's open house in celebration of its 40th anniversary last Sept. 6.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

## Rotary to participate in coastal cleanup

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With the completion of its village signs project, the Rotary Club of Saipan is setting its sights on its next community service undertaking—the upcoming International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday.

Community Service director Curtis Dancoe reported in yesterday's meeting that the installation of the Rotary's village signs has been completed.

A total of 10 village signs featuring the Rotary International emblem with the sentences "Drive Carefully" and "Protect Our Children" have been "strategically placed" in Kagman, Tanapag, San Roque, Gualo Rai, Koblerville, San Antonio, and Dandan.

Dancoe acknowledged

former Community Service director and now secretary Richard Cody, who got the project started and ensured its completion until the end; Hawaiian Rock for donating the street posts where the signs were mounted; and RNV Construction for the actual work.

"Next for community service is the coastal cleanup, which is coming up on Sept. 15, from 8am to 10am," he told the Rotarians.

Rotarian Laurie Peterka said that about 10 Rotarians have already confirmed their participation. She urged others to also participate in the annual event.

The International Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort to help protect oceans and waterways, and is coordinated internationally by the nonprofit ocean advocacy

organization Ocean Conservancy.

Dancoe added that the Rotary is also working on other future projects and activities, including the Thanksgiving luncheon for the *man'amko* and the Kagman Children's Park, which he said is "moving forward" as the site is being cleared and the project design being crafted.

## Man arrested for alleged sex abuse

Police arrested Monday afternoon a 41-year-old man who allegedly sexually abused a girl in Kagman.

James Sanchez was taken to Superior Court yesterday morning on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, child abuse, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$28,750 cash bail for Sanchez's temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 19 at 9am.

Police detective Rudolfo Hermosilla stated in his report that last Thursday afternoon a patrol

officer requested for a juvenile detective after receiving a report of sexual abuse of a minor at a residence in Kagman.

Hermosilla said he responded and learned from the aunt of the victim that Sanchez sexually abused the 15-year-old girl.

Hermosilla said the girl told him that Sanchez sexually abused her inside a van at Tank Beach in Kagman last July.

The detective said he and another detective went to Sanchez's residence on Friday, but the suspect said he needs to speak with his lawyer so they stopped talking to him and left. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.  
Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center  
Susupe, Saipan MP

**AGENDA**

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**NMC BOARD OF REGENTS**

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**12th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

  - Board of Education Vision and Priorities
  - Public School System Strategic Priorities PLUS
- Executive Session<sup>2</sup>**
- Miscellaneous Matters**
- Adjournment**

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to BOR Policy 202.1, individuals may orally testify on items on this agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, at any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.



# CHC asks Fitial, Legislature for 'proper funding' of \$40M

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REPORTER

Short of saying the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. should revert to being a government department, the CHC board of trustees handed yesterday a resolution to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Legislature asking them to "properly fund" CHC in fiscal year 2013 to the tune of more than \$40 million, but some lawmakers described the amount as unrealistic when the CNMI budget is only \$114 million.

CHC chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta, CHC board chair Joaquin Torres, and chief financial officer Alvaro Santos met yesterday with House members working with their Senate

counterpart on a compromise version of a 2013 budget bill.

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said they would have to work closely with the Senate conferees on CHC's request, which he said is impossible to give knowing that the CNMI budget is only \$114 million.

During the meeting, the CHC officials presented a copy of the CHC board of trustees' three-page resolution "requesting the governor and the Legislature to properly fund" CHC for fiscal year 2013 "and ensure quality healthcare in the CNMI."

But in an interview after the meeting, Santos said they are asking for at least a \$10 million "direct subsidy" from the gov-

ernment and the rest of the \$40 million that CHC needs should come from hospital billing and collections and other sources.

Just the same, the board resolution stated a "proper funding" of \$40,293,859.

This is 35 percent of the estimated \$114 million revenue available for government operations in fiscal year 2013—from Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013.

The Public School System is also asking for \$33 million, or 29 percent of the CNMI's entire budget.

The CHC board resolution says if the governor and Legislature "fail to properly fund" CHC in 2013, the corporation "will be forced to reduce services far short of the minimum standards

of accepted medical practice and healthcare in an attempt to maintain fiscal solvency, and, with the imminent failure of CHCC as an effective community health center, will be unable to achieve its mission as so stated in Public Law 16-51."

That law created the corporation that was formerly the Department of Public Health.

In the resolution, the CHC board said its projected expenses would reach over \$31 million, including operational and personnel costs.

It said CHC is also responsible for paying more than \$3.396 million in past due obligations incurred and accumulated before it became a corporation on Oct. 1, 2011.

CHC is also responsible for some \$5 million annually for unfunded, unsubsidized and uncollectible indigent care expenses.

All these, despite projected receivables of only \$10.56 million in 2013, reported by the chief financial officer.

The governor's revised budget submission for 2013 allots \$2.25 million for CHC, about the same amount that the House and Senate are proposing.

However, that amount will also be used as state share for Medicaid for a total of \$5 million. That's the same amount of "seed" money that the administration gave CHC for 2012.

The CHC board said there is a potential \$7 million of credit currently available from the

Marianas Public Land Trust.

But it said it will not be able to retire the \$3 million of credit it already owes MPLT that's due in March 2013 "and is in no position to accumulate more debt."

The resolution is signed by six of seven CHC board members: chair Joaquin Torres, vice chair Pete Dela Cruz, members Anthony Aguon, Roy Rios, Daniel Lamar, and Juan N. Babauta, also the CEO.

The budget conferees from the House and Senate are now racing against time to come up with a budget bill acceptable to both houses, with less than three weeks to go before the Sept. 30 deadline.

If no budget is passed and signed into law by that date, the government will have another shutdown until a budget is in place.

## BUCKINGHAM

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summons and filed amended information if and when he returns to the CNMI.

Wiseman conducted the hearing on Buckingham's motion last Aug. 29. In that hearing, attorney Brien Sers Nicholas, counsel for Buckingham, questioned the authority of FBI special agent Haejun Park to serve the summons issued by the Superior Court.

George Hasselback, counsel for the Office of the Public Auditor, argued that Buckingham is now a fugitive, considering that he was already served with the summons and did not appear in court.

Hasselback said that Buck-

ingham lacks standing to move to quash the bench warrant because he failed to recognize the court's jurisdiction.

Park reportedly served Buckingham with the penal summons at the airport shortly after he and his wife left Saipan on a 6am Delta flight to Narita, Japan on Aug. 4.

Buckingham, through counsel, argues that the fugitive disentitlement doctrine does not apply because he is not a fugitive. That doctrine is intended to sanction fugitives from affronting the dignity of the court and to deter defendants from absconding.

Buckingham argues that the Superior Court never acquired personal jurisdiction over him or, in the alternative, that personal jurisdiction was lost when

the Office of Public Auditor filed an amended information without serving him an amended summons.

Wiseman disagrees and determined that Buckingham's argument is without merit.

Citing precedent, he said a defendant is a fugitive from justice if he "absented himself from the jurisdiction with the intent to avoid prosecution."

Wiseman said it makes no difference whether the defendant learns of the charges before leaving the jurisdiction or while he is already absent; if he fails to return to the jurisdiction and appear before the prosecuting tribunal to answer the charges, he is a fugitive.

Wiseman said not only did Buckingham learn of the pending

charges while still in the CNMI, he also surrounded himself with police officers on his way to, and through, the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport in an apparent attempt to avoid service of penal summons.

"In any case, it is undisputed that defendant left the CNMI with knowledge that he had a court-ordered appearance scheduled three days later to face the criminal charges filed against him. His departure infers intent to avoid prosecution and operates as an affront to the dignity of the court's proceedings," the judge said.

Wiseman said the fact that Buckingham was served, properly or improperly, while carrying out his plan to leave the CNMI does not affect the appli-

cation of the fugitive disentitlement doctrine.

Regardless of the reason for Buckingham's departure from the CNMI and his failure to return, the fugitive disentitlement doctrine still applies because he is well aware of the pending charges, Wiseman said.

"The court finds that applying the doctrine to defendant is equitable because defendant showed a clear intent to avoid prosecution," he said.

Wiseman dismissed Buckingham's motion to quash the bench warrant without prejudice, and declined to entertain other issues that the former AG had raised.

The penal summons served Buckingham were related to the seven criminal misdemeanor charges filed against him by the

Office of the Public Auditor.

The five charges were in connection with Buckingham's alleged hosting of a delegate candidate's party at Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's house in August 2010 and Buckingham's approval of a \$400,000 sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract in October 2010 to Michael Ada within days of the latter stepping down as Cabinet secretary.

Two other charges—obstructing justice: interference with service of process, and misconduct in public office—were related to Buckingham's alleged use of police officers to escort him at the airport to avoid being served with penal summons between Aug. 3 and 4.

## PENSION

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thanked the governor for his swift action.

"But this is only one step of the many steps needed, because we still have to address the concerns of the retirees. We're not out of the woods yet," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

Active government employees have been waiting for this bill

to become law, at least since an offshoot contribution withdrawal bill was introduced in December 2011, passed by the Legislature, but vetoed by the governor. An attempt to override the veto action failed in the House.

A new bill, HB 17-315, was then sponsored by the administration, specifically by Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos. Inos is set to meet this week with U.S. Social Security officials in the wake of the signing into law of

a separate bill, HB 17-312, that expresses the CNMI's intent to join the U.S. Social Security program. HB 17-315 is an accompanying bill.

Joe Pangelinan, representing active government employees, said this took a nine-month journey, beginning with the introduction of House Speaker Eli Cabrera's (R-Saipan) HB 17-226 and later, Camacho's HB 17-315.

Pangelinan said government employees have realized that

pensions from the U.S. Social Security may not be as generous as that of the NMI Retirement Fund but in the long run, they will feel a lot more secure when they retire at 62.

At the same time, they will also get an important Medicare benefit.

Also under the new law, employees will be able to get back 25 percent of their contributions after deciding to withdraw within 30 days and the remaining

75 percent will be disbursed to them within 90 days.

Pangelinan said the passage and enactment of HB 17-315 will enable many active DB members to get their money just in time for the holidays.

Every time HB 17-315 was on the House or Senate session agenda, dozens of uniformed police officers, corrections officers and other government employees showed up to support the bill.

The Fitial administration wants to transition government employees to the U.S. Social Security program and place the NMI Retirement Fund under the Department of Finance as part of the plan to address mounting concerns about the troubled public pension agency. Recent court actions have placed this plan on hold.

Fitial placed the NMI Retirement Fund under a state of emergency.

## SENATE

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trial that the CNMI has never had before.

This early, Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), and other House members aligned with the governor are saying that once the House impeaches the governor, he's "as good as convicted" even before the Senate holds a trial because of the Senate's bias against the governor.

Manglona said the Senate will be fair and impartial, and each senator's vote will depend on the evidence presented and the defendant's arguments.

Fitial is blaming the Senate and other elected officials for allegedly blocking his efforts to solve the CNMI's problems and using these instead as "negative political tool to cover up their years of inaction and lack of leadership" to fix an inadequate healthcare, a crumbling Retirement Fund, high

utility costs, and lack of revenue-generating industries.

The Senate president said the Senate would seek help from a justice or judge to ensure, for example, that evidence is properly presented and that the defendant properly presents his case.

"This will be brought up with the Senate leadership. None of us in the Senate is a lawyer or had served in a trial like this. But the presiding justice or judge won't be able to vote, at least that's how I understand it. Only the senators would vote. We need a lot of consultations on this," he said.

The House's eight-member Special Committee on Impeachment also now needs all the help it could get as to constitutional provisions on impeachment, applicable laws and regulations, establishment of special committee rules, confidentiality, guidelines, tie-breaking procedures and votes casting, among other things.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), chair-

man of the Special Committee on Impeachment and main author of the impeachment resolution, called for the first meeting of the panel tomorrow at 2pm.

Deleon Guerrero set 11 subsequent meetings that start at 9am every week day from Sept. 14 to 28, just in time for the end of the 30-day period that House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) gave the panel to come up with a report and recommendation to the full House.

### 'Deadlock before meeting'

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), one of the impeachment panel members aligned with the governor, said that this early, there's already a "deadlock."

"There's already a deadlock before the meeting could even start. Four already said they're voting 'yes' and the rest are voting 'no' or still undecided but possibly voting 'no' so there's your deadlock," Torres told *Saipan Tribune*.

Torres has gone on record saying he will vote "no" to the impeachment resolution.

But just like any other committee in the same situation wherein members are deadlocked, they recommend that a measure be voted on by the full House, and Torres said this may also be the case with the impeachment resolution.

While he is not a member of the impeachment panel, Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said he would be in the House chamber during the meetings so he could be better educated about the process and the reasons for impeaching or not.

Demapan has also gone on record saying he will vote "yes" to the impeachment. He said he could better justify his decision by knowing as much detail as possible.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), one of the co-authors of the impeachment resolution but not a member of the impeachment panel, said he will also be pres-

ent during committee meetings.

"I want to hear both sides' arguments as they work on the resolution. That way, I could make a more informed decision," said Yumul, who also earlier said he will vote "yes" to the impeachment.

As for tomorrow's initial meeting of the special committee, Yumul said the panel has to "set the pace and direction of the committee and establish the rules or there will be problems later on."

For example, the special committee has to establish not only special committee rules for meetings but also rules for "post-meeting confidentiality."

The committee looks at the use of Mason's as guidelines in the absence of clear House authorities, and would also look at tie-breaking procedures and casting of votes.

They will then go to the review and discussion of the impeachment resolution.

Deleon Guerrero's special committee will then form sub-

committees relative to the articles of impeachment, and the work may be divided by the nature of the allegation.

House Resolution 17-111 listed 16 articles of impeachment for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

The CNMI Constitution says the House may initiate impeachment proceedings by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, and the Senate may convict by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members.

This means at least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor, and at least six "yes" votes in the nine-member Senate to convict him.

So far, only eight House members have gone on the record to say they will vote "yes" to the resolution, seven of them co-authors.

This is the first time in CNMI history that a resolution impeaching the governor has been introduced.



# Guam Guard gets mobilization order for Afghanistan



Members of the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment listen to a briefing during a recent Soldier Readiness Processing in August this year.

Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, announced yesterday that the 1-294<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and F Company, 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, have received mobilization orders for their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, effective for early next year.

"The mobilization order solidifies what our battalion will be doing, provides the funding and authority for the mobilized

unit to move from home station forward, and locks in the number of soldiers assigned to the mission," said Paulino.

The 1-294<sup>th</sup> IN RGT is composed of soldiers from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Guam National Guard senior leaders are currently working with the Department of the Army on the specific mission, number of soldiers, deployment date, and deployment location, which will be announced at a

later date. Close to 600 soldiers are slated to deploy as part of the battalion.

"The coming weeks and months will be a critical period for our soldiers in the battalion and F Company, as well as a highly emotional time for their families. Our island community has already demonstrated their strong support for our soldiers and their families with the units that have previously deployed. I am certain we will see that same degree

of support.

"And as we continue to prepare our soldiers for this upcoming deployment, I can assure the people of Guam that our soldiers will be well-prepared and highly trained, to be ready to go and accomplish their mission. Here at home, we will be committing all the resources at our disposal, to ensure our deployed soldiers' families are provided all the support they need," Paulino said.

Lt. Col. Michael Tougher, commander of the 1-294<sup>th</sup> IN RGT, said the official release of the battalion's mobilization order will help his soldiers continue with their preparation for the pending deployment.

"The 1st battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment and the Guam National Guard have been working hard to ensure that our soldiers are trained and

equipped to safely perform the units upcoming mission in Afghanistan. The recent publishing of the unit's mobilization order helps to ensure that resources will continue to be available as we work to ensure that our soldiers receive the very best preparation the Army can provide," he stated.

The unit received a "Notification of Sourcing" on April 2011 and was told to prepare for a possible deployment to Afghanistan in 2013. Last April, the battalion received an official "Alert Order," which allowed the unit to ramp up training for possible deployment.

The activation of the 1-294th IN RGT can be considered as the largest group of reserve component troops to be mobilized and deployed from Guam. **(PR)**

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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-12-025

##### CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SHOP BUILDINGS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of new concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings at the CUC Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Facility on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).*

The project consists in general of the construction of concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings and the expansion of existing buildings located on Saipan at Sadog Tasi. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the wastewater treatment plant or the operations at the water and wastewater operations offices. The work includes construction of water maintenance shop, parking sheds, wastewater equipment storage, pump shop extension, guard house and asphalt paving improvements. The Project is to be completed in 240 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-12-025, Construction of Maintenance & Repair Shop Buildings**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 2, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 14, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/S/ ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



# All veterans urged to register with CNMI VA office

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Director Ben Camacho of the CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office yesterday urged all veterans residing in the Commonwealth to register with their office.

Knowing how many veterans are in the Commonwealth would aid the office in providing them assistance, said Camacho, who was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

While they do have a list of veterans currently residing on the islands, it is not updated since it does not take into account those who are new to the community or have left the islands permanently,

Camacho said.

"I don't have an accurate number right now because we are still trying to get all the vets to come out and see me so we can have a good number of vets we have here. I need numbers to do some of my work," said Camacho.

He pointed out, though, that veterans can register at any veterans' center and still receive the same privileges and entitlements befitting anyone who has served in the military.

Camacho said the CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office is the state office that assists veterans in qualifying for VA benefits. These benefits include medical benefits, disability compensation, sur-

vivors' benefits, pension, education, home loans, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, and burial benefits.

He said the office also provides various services to veterans in the Commonwealth, including the VA Outreach Clinic run by Dr. Norma Ada at the MH II Building at the Marina Heights Business Park, and

counseling services for those who lost a loved one.

Camacho noted that veterans also have the option to avail of the VA direct home loan program, which is facilitated by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., or education benefits for those who enlist in the armed forces through the Montgomery GI Bill, which is handled by the

Northern Marianas College.

"We have these various types of programs but other smaller programs are on a case-by-case basis," he added.

Camacho, who took over the post vacated by Ruth Coleman, told Rotarians that he was in active duty for 24 years before his retirement in 2007. He has been serving in the CNMI Military

and Veterans Affairs Office for some 10 months now.

Part of his duty, Camacho said, is taking charge of the Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemoration—a challenge given the limited resources of the government.

"Thanks to the agencies and companies that support me, it all works out," he added.

## Tan Holdings FC donates cleaning supplies to SAES



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Officials of the Tan Holdings Football Club present boxes of industrial cleaners to San Antonio Elementary School principal James Sablan and several students in a brief ceremony at the Home of the Octopus grounds yesterday morning.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The San Antonio Elementary School got itself a range of cleaning and sanitation supplies with a donation from the Tan Holdings Football Club yesterday.

School principal James Sablan and several students received 10 cases of industrial cleaners from officials of the Tan Holdings FC led by president Eli Arago, vice president and overall technical coach Jerishwin Angeles, general secretary Ariel Marianao, and

U6 coach Ladyvir Canape.

The Home of the Octopus serves as the Tan Holdings FC's home field where they hold their scrimmages, practices, and trainings. The club has about 150 players in the youth, men, and women's categories.

Arago said they try to give something back to San Antonio Elementary School as their way of expressing appreciation to the school. In the past, Tan Holdings FC donated trash cans and also conducted cleanup drives.

"We're happy that we're able

to help them in our own small way in return for graciously hosting our group. These cleaning materials would help them in the upkeep of the school grounds," Arago told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan, for his part, thanked the Tan Holdings FC for their generosity at a time when San Antonio Elementary School and the rest of the Public School System are affected by budget shortfalls.

"Any donation, whether it's in-kind or monetary or services, is always appreciated," he said.

Sablan said the cleaning sup-

plies would go a long way in ensuring that their campus is ready and well-maintained for the student population.

He stressed the importance of having San Antonio Elementary School foster partnerships with private companies and nonprofit organizations, given the limited resources coming from the government.

Working with the community, Sablan added, also teaches students how they can become productive members of society in the future.

## Matson to hike fuel surcharge

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Matson Navigation Co. announced Friday that it will increase its fuel surcharge by 4.5 percentage points due to rising bunker fuel prices and other energy related costs.

Fuel surcharge for the CNMI and Guam services will increase from 35.5 percent to 40 percent, while the Hawaii service will rise from 39 percent to 43.5 percent.

The new fuel surcharge, which will take effect on Oct. 7, comes after two consecutive decreases in June and July, which totaled 6.5 percentage points.

"While we were encouraged by the moderation of bunker fuel prices earlier this year, that trend has been reversed in recent months," Dave Hoppes, Matson senior vice president for ocean ser-

vices, said in a statement.

According to Hoppes, bunker fuel prices climbed by over 13 percent since Matson's last decrease in fuel surcharge mid-July.

"Energy related expenses continue to be a significant cost factor for most businesses, as well as consumers, with transportation companies especially hard hit," said Hoppes, adding that Matson gives its customers 30 days advance notice prior to implementation of the new fuel surcharge rates.

Matson remains the only company offering ocean transportation services in the Commonwealth after Horizon Lines Inc. discontinued in October 2011 its Five Star Express container shipping service. The westbound leg of the FSX service provides transit between the U.S. West Coast, Guam, Micronesia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.



### PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting Joint with Northern Marianas College (NMC) Board of Regents on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

#### AGENDA

#### I. Preliminary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

#### II. Public Comments<sup>1</sup>

#### III. New Business

##### NMC BOARD OF REGENTS

- Board of Regents Priorities for 2013
- NMC Strategic Priorities which Align/ Supports Public School System

##### 12th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Board of Education Vision and Priorities
- Public School System Strategic Priorities PLUS

#### IV. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>

#### V. Miscellaneous Matters

#### VI. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Pro Se,

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Lerma V. Catacutan, Petitioner,	FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0456R
vs.	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Adonis M. Catacutan, Respondent.	

#### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 1488, Rota, MP 96951, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2012:

/s/ Clerk of Court

John M. Manglona  
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Saipan, MP  
Telephone No. 322-2069 / 285-1192

PRO SE

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. MANGLONA AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: GENESIS JOHN CASTRO MANGLONA Minor Child,	) FCD GU CIVIL ) ACTION ) NO.12-0414 ) ) NOTICE OF ) HEARING
By	)
JOHN MASGA MANGLONA	)
Petitioner.	)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by John M. Manglona, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 27th day of September, 2012 at 1:30pm or as soon as thereafter.

Bernadita A. Sablan  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,	) CIVIL ) ACTION ) NO. ) 12-0093
-v-	) SUMMONS ) FOR ) PUBLICATION
The Estate of MANUEL TENORIO DELA CRUZ, The Estate of MARIA CASTRO DELA CRUZ, CHRISTINE DELA CRUZ TORRES, LINDA DELA CRUZ TOVES, JOSEPHINE CASTRO DELA CRUZ, CHOI CHEOL WON and MOON HAENG LEE, Defendants.	)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, CHRISTINE DELA CRUZ TORRES (now known as Christine Torres Igisomar) and JOSEPHINE CASTRO DELA CRUZ:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 15th day of August, 2012:

/s/ Clerk of Court

Charlyn M. Francisco  
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Telephone No. (670) 235-3733

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: J.P.A.M.D. (d.o.b. 02/21/1996) Minor Child,	) FCD GU ) CIVIL ) ACTION ) NO. ) 12 - 0412 ) NOTICE ) OF ) HEARING
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By  
  
Charlyn M.  
Francisco  
Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 04, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2012.

Bernadita Sablan  
Clerk of Court  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court



# Large class sizes result in multi-aged classes and double sessions

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

In the second week of her visit to public schools, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., witnessed firsthand the critical condition of many schools, with classes that have as high as 55 students—an unacceptable ratio for classrooms designed to accommodate only up to more than 20 students.

As a stopgap measure, Sablan allowed beginning this week the enforcement of multi-aged combination classes and authorized the modification of some schools' schedules. She also extended the double session to the Tinian Elementary School to cope with the alarming class sizes and lack of teachers.

Kagman Elementary School is already implementing a double session. KagES has only four teachers for its 88 sixth graders and 90 fifth graders. It was the first campus that was allowed the double session since last week.

Tinian Elementary, for its part, has only three teachers for its second and third graders, which are now combined to address the teacher shortage and lessen the number of students in classrooms. The school's kindergarten and first grade classes are also in double session this school year.

Because of the multi-aged combination, Sablan said that Tinian Elementary is now able to accommodate 27 students per classroom per teacher. Without the multi-aged combination classes, Tinian will be short of five teachers.

Sablan explained that in "multi-aged class," PSS allows two different grade levels to attend the same classes such as for second and third graders where instructions and assignments are modified by the teacher.

"I should have done it [modifying the schedule and multi-aged classes] on the opening week, but I don't want to create chaos. But now that our teachers and administrators are back, I want to discuss it with them. I need to work with them and let them see the benefit of small class sizes, which is a far better learning school environment and more effective," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Among the schools that are enforcing multi-aged combination classes are Tinian El-

ementary, Kagman Elementary, and Tanapag Elementary, among others. Sablan revealed that many elementary schools are also conducting double sessions in their kindergarten classes due to the lack of teachers.

When asked if these approaches are the best that PSS can do at this time, Sablan said: "We're looking at other school districts and they're doing it also. And for me, it is the only solution right now because we don't have the money to hire [the needed teachers]."

She pointed out that PSS tested the multi-aged class approach last school year but they have yet to determine its effectiveness in the CNMI, pending analysis of the data collected.

PSS has only a little over 400 classroom teachers for nearly 11,000 students; it is short of 87 teachers. The system used to employ over 500 teachers.

## Expansion

Sablan is considering the same "modification" approach for junior and high schools, which are also experiencing large class sizes.

As of this week, Marianas High School has an enrollment of 1,472 versus only 36 teachers. In its performing arts class alone, 55 students are enrolled with only one teacher.

"Yes, we have a big theater for them. But I wonder what it's going to look like. They said it's OK, but I am worried. I'd rather see that we do the modified schedule and work with small classes than fill the classrooms with 37 or more students. We cannot compromise safety and learning," said Sablan.

Although PSS has a policy in place for distance education, Sablan said the MHS enrollment of 1,472 is still very high with only 36 teachers. "So I am looking at making some adjustments," she said.

Sablan will propose that MHS divide the students into four groups where one group will be allowed to take online classes or part-time classes to reduce the student-to-teacher ratio.

She described the Senate-approved \$33 million allocation for PSS as a "bare-bones budget" for public schools, which means it covers only the basic services to students, nothing extra. That budget bill is still pending at the House of Representatives.



## BOARD TRAINING

CNMI participants who attended the Board Development Training hosted by the Mariana Alliance for Non-Government Organization (MANGO), Inc. have their picture taken after the training at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club. The training was sponsored by the Office of Minority Health Resource Center and facilitated by Henry Ocampo and Myra Archer.

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of the Thirteenth Tinian Municipal Council will be conducting a **Special Session** on the appointment of Mr. Don A. Farrell as Commissioner to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission as appointed by the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz, Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan. **Special Session No. 13-08** will be conducted on Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tinian Municipal Council Conference Room.

### Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Testimony of the Mayor
4. Testimony of the Appointee
5. Public Testimony
6. Finding and Recommendation by the EAGI Chairman
7. Miscellaneous
8. Adjournment

/s/ Estevan P. Cabrera  
Chairman



# Am. Samoa lacks facilities for political functions

## »Governor supports use of parks, other areas for campaigning

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa** (The Samoa News/PIR)—With the lack of large facilities to hold political functions in the territory, Gov. Togiola Tulafono says he supports the use of government owned parks and other public facilities for political functions, allowing a larger number of residents to hear from candidates for public office.

At the same time, the governor—who is barred by law from seeking a third consecutive four-year term in office—urged candidates in this year's general election to remember the importance of keeping peace within the territory and this message should be emphasized to their campaign committees and supporters.

The governor's comments were made on his weekend radio program after a male caller pointed out that he has seen campaign signs on land on the ocean side of the main highway and claimed such land is government property. The caller said that there might be laws barring campaign signs on government land and if that is the case, then the law should be enforced.

In his response, Togiola first pointed out that there are not that many available facilities to accommodate a large number of people to hear from the candidates on issues, and voters need to be well informed.

He said the use of government facilities has been criticized in past gubernatorial races, and he didn't say much because he was a candidate, but he's not a candidate this time around and it's time to provide his view on this issue.

He said it's his personal belief that any assets such as land, parks and facilities—including buildings—should be utilized for campaign purposes. He says if a candidate needs to use these assets, then the government should open up that facility for use but make sure that scheduling is done properly so that one candidate's campaign function does not take up the time slot or date of another candidate.

He said the territory has limited facilities to hold large campaign functions, and the government has the facilities and land available for use, in order for candi-

dates to deliver their message.

He said it's important that a large audience of people get to hear directly from candidates, in order for the public to have a full understanding of the candidate's message, which is important to the future of America Samoa.

He said government land, such as parks and gyms, can accommodate a large number of residents and these facilities are available for use.

He pointed out that there is that 'American thinking'—not to use government property for campaign purposes—but he does not believe in that thinking. He said he believes that a malae, or field, buildings and other facilities should be used, adding that he doesn't want to collect any fee for their use.

He reiterated that his main goal is to ensure that there are available facilities and venues for use by candidates, to tell the community their background, their platforms and their future plans if elected to office.

Regarding signs placed on land on the ocean-side of the

main road cited by the caller, Togiola explained that the current law states that the government owns land on the same side of the main road from the section (or tolotolo) of Fagaalu to Lauli'i.

However, the governor says the government is still fighting with others who are questioning the ownership of these lands, and as he will soon leave the governor's post, there are still disputes over this same issue.

The governor did point out that political campaign ads on "submerged lands" would require government approval and he has no problem with putting up such signs, but asked that campaign committees be respectful of each other and not cause trouble with the placement of their signs.

As the current sitting governor, Togiola says, his most important request to candidates in this campaign season is to keep the peace and harmony. He said he is depending on the candidates to direct their committees to maintain peace and refrain from fights, as voters head to the polls in the Nov. 6 general election.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 12, 2000

### Lease extension for LaoLao Bay Golf Course OK'd

Lawmakers yesterday voted unanimously to grant up to 40 years lease on 200 hectares of public lands being occupied by the LaoLao Bay Golf Resort in Kagman to pave the way for expansion plans. Top executives of Saipan Lualu Development, Inc., owner of the resort, hailed as timely and wise move the 15-year extension to the original lease agreement, noting it would help them secure bank loans to carry out upgrade of existing facilities. With two championship 18-hole golf courses and first-class resort facilities, it is considered among the top golf destinations in the Pacific, according to Rep. Dino M. Jones, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, who authored the resolution adopted at yesterday's House-Senate joint session.

### CNMI seeks partnership with Hawaii's DPH

The CNMI Department of Public Health is exploring the possibility of entering into an agreement with Hawaii Department of Public Health to allow the Northern Marianas avail of the services of the forensic psychiatrist there as well as send patients to their facility. DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said the Northern Marianas cannot afford to hire a forensic psychiatrist but forging an agreement with the State of Hawaii may help resolve the difficult situation. "We are currently discussing the issue of getting their forensic psychiatrist to assist us or maybe use their facility. We hope to reach a decision and we are very optimistic on the outcome of these talks," he said.

Sept. 12, 2001

### Senators hint rejection of proposed borrowing

The bill authorizing the Commonwealth Development Authority to fund the retroactive salaries of government employees is nothing but a bait being offered by the House of Representatives to lure the Senate into passing the Fiscal Year 2002 budget bill. Thus said Sen. Edward U. Maratita, chairman of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, even as he castigated the House lawmakers for several provisions in the money measure which he dubbed as "questionable." "I think the reason why the House did not incorporate the retroactive pay on the budget bill is that they intended to lure us, to bait us using the CDA bill so that we can go ahead and pass the budget bill using the House version," Maratita said.

### Anti-suicide education campaign launched

Experts from various government agencies and private organizations urged for the commission of a comprehensive study on the profile of suicide victims in the Northern Marianas. The study was pressed to identify the prevailing factors that drive an increasing number of the islands' youths to taking their own lives. According to Ayuda Network, Inc. official Konrad Reyes, the string of suicide incidents reported in the CNMI during the past months show that the problem is not tied with someone's financial or family background.

Sept. 12, 2002

### Atalig appeals for a quorum for MPLB

Rota Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig is seeking to fill three vacant Medical Profession Licensing Board member positions that have left what is now a two-member board without a quorum to process licensing applications. Atalig, in a letter to Gov. Juan N. Babauta, requested for a speedy executive action on the MPLB's lack of quorum amid a pending license application by Dr. Larry B. Hocog, Rota's resident health director whose license has already expired. The congressman stated that the service tenure of three out of five MLPB members have already lapsed, leaving only two members. In conducting official MPLB acts, at least three members are required to constitute a quorum.

### Fennell defends attorneys fees

Bank of Saipan receiver Randall T. Fennell rebutted allegations of the Calvo shareholders that he is draining the bank of cash through exorbitant payment of allied attorneys. Fennell claimed that expenses incurred by the receivership are attributable to the shareholders who allegedly failed to exercise their fiduciary duties when they were in control of the institution. At the same time, he said there is no need for the appointment of a special master who will investigate the billings as prayed for by the Calvos, adding that the bank's receivership would have to incur additional expenses in payment for the special master.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday greetings go out to Teosy Glo M. Taisacan, who will be celebrating her 17th birthday today, Sept. 12, 2012! As you begin your growth to womanhood, this fact you must know, you'll always be my source of pride, no matter where you go. I love you Teosy Glo, my sweet, sweet Baby Glo! Love, Mom.

Happy birthday, Grandma Beck Kiyu! Enjoy your day with many more blessings to come. Love, Nikki Marie and the rugrats from Chalan Galaide.

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Belated happy birthday to my gorgeous sister, Rosaleen Li Tagabue! May God bless you always and we will miss you dearly. We love you! Greetings come from Jojo and Shaun.

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### GOOD JOB!

Congratulations to Joanne S. Paraiso for passing the CPA board examination. We're proud of you. Greetings come from Tatay Pepe, Nanay Auring and family.

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy 14th Wedding anniversary to Pauline and Jeff Rolilat! May the years to come bring you both more love, support, and happiness! From your WIC familia.

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## PACIFIC BRIEFS

### Increased thefts reported during Forum in Cook Islands

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—In the 10 day period surrounding the Pacific Islands Forum summit and its associated meetings on Rarotonga there were 18 burglaries, which police say is a very high number for the Cook Islands. At the time just 3 police officers were dealing with criminal investigations while all other staff were involved with security surrounding the summit. A number of people in Rarotonga for the meetings were among the thieves' victims. The Criminal Investigation Branch chief, Detective Inspective Areumu Ingaua, says they are only now able to start investigations and will mount a targeted operation, but he has told local media they will catch the offenders.

### Solomons on alert over bogus seasonal recruitment agent

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (Radio Australia/PIR)—Australia and Solomon Islands are on the lookout for bogus recruitment agencies trying to cash in on the Seasonal Workers Scheme. The scheme underwent a major expansion last month to include East Timor,

Nauru, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands. Mark Roddam, from Australia's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, has told Radio Australia's Pacific Beat they are aware of at least one bogus agent in Solomon Islands. "There's been a case in the Solomons of a group claiming to be part of the seasonal worker program, and they are not one of our approved workers under the scheme," he said. "We have around 25-30 approved employers under the scheme... and they've gone through a process to get approval from the Australian Government to participate in the program."

### Blight-resistant taro program underway in Am. Samoa

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—A blight-resistant taro could possibly be American Samoa's first export item if the Department of Agriculture is successful in experimenting with taro breeding. A taro leaf blight in the 1990s devastated taro production in American Samoa and neighboring Samoa. Director Lealao Mel Purcell says taro breeding is one of the initiatives they're looking at to boost agricultural development. The depart-

ment has planted taro from Manu'a and will test its strength to withstand leaf blight. They are comparing species with those from Samoa so they can determine the best to breed. Lealao says they want to breed a taro species that is blight resistant and great to eat.

### Vanuatu plans to upgrade maritime shipping services

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—Improving maritime safety will be a key component of a multi million dollar upgrade of shipping services in Vanuatu being undertaken by New Zealand, the Asian Development Bank and the Vanuatu Government. The work will involve a new inter island terminal in Port Vila and new jetties on Malekula, Ambae, Tanna and Pentecost. The ADB is providing nearly 33 million U.S. dollars in a soft loan with New Zealand's aid program contributing 12.6 U.S. dollars and the Vanuatu Government just over 3 million. New Zealand's High Commissioner to Port Vila, Bill Dobbie, says the Vanuatu Shipping Project is not only about developing services that are more reliable, more frequent and cost effective, but also safer.



## Bordallo backs Palau Compact renewal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) addressed national security concerns yesterday at a hearing on H.R. 6040, the Continued Free Association of Palau Act of 2012, which was introduced by Rep. Donald Manzullo of Illinois.

The hearing, held by the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, included testimony from Tony Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; Edgard D. Kagan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of State's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Gootnick, Director of International Affairs and Trade for the Government Accountability Office.

Bordallo stressed the importance for Congress and the Obama administration to continue working together to find mutually agreeable offsets to advance this legislation. She highlighted the strength of the partnership with Palau and the potential impact to U.S. interests if Congress does not pass the Compact renewal.

The Palau Compact was delivered to Congress in January 2011 after nearly two years of negotiations with Palau.

"I urged the Obama administration to engage more with Congress to help ensure that we have a renewed agreement that addresses the requirements of the Government of Palau," said Bordallo. "I am concerned, however, that continued delays

in passing an agreement will affect our country's diplomatic relations and political capital with our allies in the region. Our country's strategic re-focus on the Asia-Pacific region must be matched with actions, not just words. The Compact renewal with Palau is about more than receiving federal financial support—it is about the safety and security of America in the Asia-Pacific region. Military base rights under this agreement are particularly important to ensuring that we have a dispersed, agile, and robust military presence in the region. I look forward to continue working with Secretary Kagan, Secretary Babauta and congressional leaders to pass the Compact with Palau in a timely manner." (PR)



### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### MHS Class of '93 sets reunion meeting

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 will be having a class reunion meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, starting at 6pm at Naked Fish. For more information, contact Maryann Borja-Arriola at 483-2279 or Jocelyn Camacho Seaman at 287-0546. (PR)

#### John Gonzales LIVE schedule today

Tonight's edition of *John Gonzales LIVE* will feature the topic "Let's Move Marianas! September 2012 Campaign Against Childhood Obesity & Childhood Cancer – Part 1."

Guests will include Roxanne P. Diaz, director of Public Health Division, Commonwealth Health Care Corp; and Dr. Daniel Lamar, Medical Director for Public Health Division, Non-Communicable Diseases Bureau, CHCC.

The show is from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MCV Ch. 14. Viewers can participate by calling (287-4230), texting (285-META) (6382), or emailing (johnngonzaleslive@gmail.com).

The show will rebroadcast on Sept. 17 and 18. *John Gonzales LIVE* also broadcasts on the web on Betelnut Radio (www.betelnutradio.com).

#### Financial Aid Family Night in Koblerville

The College Access Challenge Grant will be hosting a "Financial Aid Family Night" at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center on Sept. 18, 2012, at 5pm. The community will learn more about tuition assistance and how to fill out the forms. (PR)

#### MHS Class of '83 sets meeting

The MHS Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone to join their general meeting this Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, at the Beach Road pavilion, Garapan, 7pm. If you have any question, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. (PR)

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## EDITORIAL

### Independent voters still up for grabs

**T**he Barack Obama the nation saw Thursday night is an older, hopefully wiser, and undeniably more realistic version of the candidate who accepted the Democratic nomination in Denver in 2008.

Chastened by four years of partisan infighting in Washington, President Obama replaced the soaring vision he once offered—"hope and change"—with a sobering appraisal that the road to recovery won't be "quick or easy."

The second term Mr. Obama wants is certainly within his grasp—as it is for Mr. Romney—but he didn't clinch the sale. The voters he has to reach, particularly independents who haven't made up their minds, have yet to be persuaded that his first term was successful, and, second, that he can finish the job if given more time.

On the first part, Mr. Obama has a strong case to make, even though he hasn't done a good job of it. He pulled the economy out of a steep dive and turned it upward, passed the Affordable Care Act, imposed new limits on Wall Street, killed the world's No. 1 terrorist, pulled the troops out of Iraq, began the withdrawal from Afghanistan, cut taxes for the middle class, rescued the auto industry and put two moderate female justices on the Supreme Court. He also signed a free trade bill with Colombia and Panama that is particularly important for South Florida.

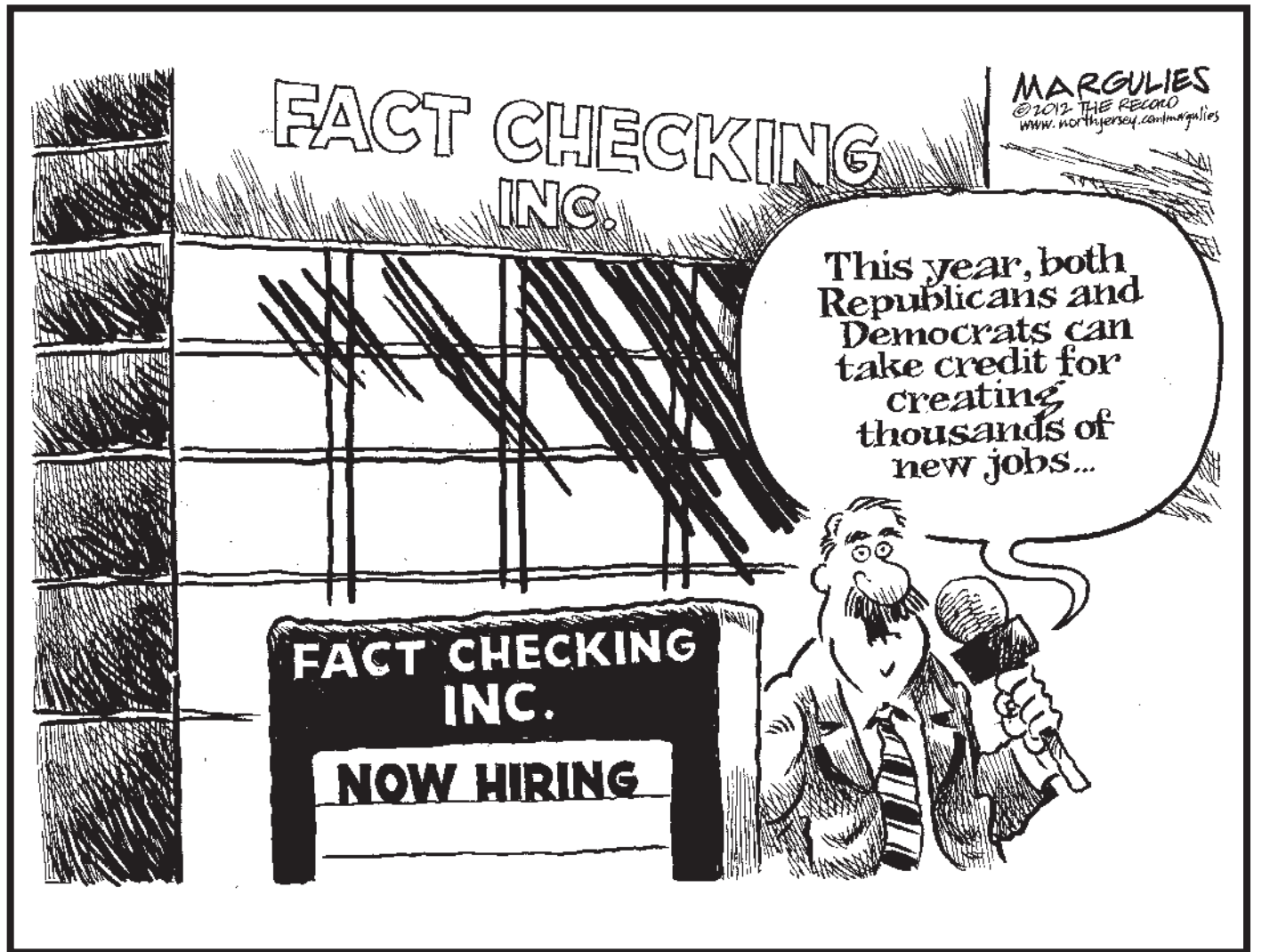
The second part of the equation is more problematic. His speech contained specific promises that are feasible and desirable. Creating 1 million manufacturing jobs by 2016 would extend the trend of the last few years. The same goes for doubling exports by 2014. Slowing the growth of college tuition in half and training two million workers at community colleges—new proposals—would likewise be welcomed as valuable education initiatives, and probably are doable.

Exactly how will Mr. Obama do that? He promised to shrink the deficit by \$4 trillion, a target he announced last year, but that's going to demand shared sacrifice. First, Mr. Obama must make clear what he's going to demand from the broad middle class in order to get there, and then he has to negotiate successfully with Republicans to get the right balance that can both cut the deficit and boost the economy. Balancing investments with belt-tightening, relief for the middle class with a growing economy—that's a tall order. We're waiting to hear specifics about how the president would do it if he wins another term.

President Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney offer two contrasting visions for America. The diversity of people and faces to be found in the delegates at the convention in Charlotte suggest that Mr. Obama's version holds greater promise for the kind of country that America is becoming, one that reflects today's South Florida.

In his first term, however, he failed to translate necessary pieces of his legislative program into reality. Persuading voters that he can do it in a second term remains his biggest electoral challenge.

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## Out but still standing

By JAIME R. VERGARA  
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**T**oday is teachers' day in China. We remember Education Day of 2005 at CNMI's PSS when SVES presented us as their Teacher of the Year. I had indicated that I would cross-dress that day in support of all the hullabaloo following the fun and frolic that Dandan Elementary had during one of their celebrations, caustically berated by homophobic teachers and the press.

I also shaved my top that year when asked to appear before the Legislature to receive commendations with the rest of the TOYs. It was in support of what I perceived was a hasty runaround the teachers were getting as PSS implemented the standardization required by the No Child Left Behind Act. (Chicago's teachers go on strike today for the first time in a long while as the teachers' union and the city could not reach contract agreement, with one of two remaining contentious issues the standardized evaluation of teachers.)

The cross-dressing would have been another crazy act by one who does not really see any efficacy in protest movements, but one of my co-teachers enlightened us over the fact that I was not just representing myself as a TOY awardee, but more as a representative of the school. He prevailed.

I remember this because up to that year, I never really consented to receiving awards, having caricatured the practice as one observed by insecure folks who need the trappings of ritualized recognition. Earlier, a disabilities group colleague offered to award us recognition for our advocacy during their annual gathering, and I refused, much to his bafflement and chagrin.

But in 2005, Dad was at a care home, hitting 93 and declining in memory. Being his namesake as the Junior, my brothers posted my awards in his room sans comment so that he might mistake it as his own. I reaped a bumper crop of three TOY awards that year, and the onion skins framed their way on my Dad's wall!

We missed a class last Friday as the admin of our International Education Center asked us to attend the award ceremonies at the school auditorium.

A little historical background. During Mao's Cultural Revolution, students were not the only ones who trekked it into the countryside. Teachers and academics, some wearing dunce hats, were also trotted around, with some vilified as "idiots" as China's students convulsed. For 10 years, universities and senior high schools offered no sessions of learning as all were made to live with and learn from rural folks. When the excesses of the Red Guards got out of hand, the PLA intervened, and the CPC reinstated higher education.

In 1984, to right a recognized wrong, the Communist Party began the annual recognition of teachers and the accompanying awards to outstanding teachers.

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We punctually got to the auditorium as requested, but being on time is not one of China's disciplined forte so we found ourselves in an empty auditorium. The stage had a huge golden hammer and sickle hanging from the rafters, with huge red flags on tilted poles appearing like they were waving in the wind, all festooned across the stage.

There was no mistaking about who the event was for. Teachers' recognition day it was, but the Communist Party was on spotlight. The Party Education Minister for the province also leads the university administration, and the accompanying music blaring from the sound system was distinctively '60-ish Kiev-style chorale, extolling the virtues of party discipline and endeavors.

My seatmate was our British colleague, the unofficial faculty dean of the foreign contingent, a local Liverpool yokel with nary a trace or pretension of royalty. He is also a linguist of considerable talent, being fluent in Putunghua and an accomplished reader of Zhongwen characters. He translates for Chinese athletes playing cricket, including the first one to break into a club in the British Isles this summer.

In characteristic understated British cynicism, he quietly revealed that I was lucky I did not understand the proceedings. He was tired of all the perfunctory repetition of party slogans and the ritualistic pronouncements of goodwill from all the speakers. Proper form rather than honesty defines public speeches.

The Brit and I were pinned huge red paper roses, with the characters "honor" emblazoned on the ribbon. We were seated among the awardees who also sported the same flower and ribbon.

My mother who turns 92 this month, a bedridden elder, recently suffered a fall. My sister and two brothers are in the process of ensuring her structured medical care. I thought of her as I fingered the huge red paper rose pinned to our chest, and resolved to send it to her pronto.

With the foreign contingent a minuscule portion of the whole faculty, my Brit colleague and I found our representation a bit akilter from the actual ratio. But our names were called up to mount the stage after the first five were each handed their honor certificates, and we dutifully complied. We were announced as the outstanding foreign teachers of the year.

I was informed that monetary award accompanies the recognition, so I consented. Not much, but with the current rate of teachers' salaries, we'll take whatever is proffered.

For Mama, one paper rose coming up!



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## Conventions without compromise

Attending two political conventions back to back is like visiting two parallel universes: one conservative, one liberal; one overwhelmingly white, the other emphatically multicultural; and each one strangely confident that its candidate is on a steady course to victory.

In Tampa, Fla., Republican strategists insisted their faith was grounded in arithmetical determinism: the math of the sluggish economy. No president has ever been re-elected when unemployment was stuck as high as 8 percent, they pointed out.

Democratic strategists put their faith in a different branch of political mathematics: the arcana of the electoral college. President Obama, they said over and over, has "more paths" to 270 electoral votes than Mitt Romney; more states that he could plausibly win.

Both campaigns can't be right, of course. But their mutual conviction that they have the advantage meant that neither side felt it had to move toward the middle. Instead, with both parties focused more on mobilization than persuasion, the conventions were aimed mostly at rousing the faithful.

That's why, in a year when the public's overriding concern is the economy, so much time at the conventions was devoted to the social issues that both define and divide right and left in America. The Republicans didn't shy away from talk about restricting abortion and defending traditional marriage, because so much of their base wants that message. The Democrats were a mirror image, defending abortion rights and applauding as Obama reiterated his support for gay marriage.

And what didn't we hear from either side? Talk about getting along, healing divides or working across the aisle to end partisan gridlock.

Four years ago, Republican nominee John McCain was graceful in his acceptance speech. "You have my respect and my admira-

tion," he said in words directed toward his opponent. "Despite our differences, much more unites us than divides us."

Obama was tougher on McCain, but he also made a plea for finding areas of agreement. "The times are too serious, the stakes are too high for this same partisan playbook," he said. "So let us agree that patriotism has no party. I love this country, and so do you, and so does John McCain."

This year, those courtesies were missing in action. "I wish President Obama had succeeded because I want America to succeed," Romney said, but only as a set-up line for his point: "His promises gave way to disappointment and division."

Obama's only nod toward bipartisanship was equally barbed. "No party has a monopoly on wisdom. No democracy works without compromise," he said. "But when Gov. Romney and his friends in Congress tell us we can somehow lower our deficits by spending trillions more on new tax breaks for the wealthy, well, what did Bill Clinton call it? You do the arithmetic."

Neither candidate even attempted to explain how he might try to work with the other party if elected. Granted, that's a hard case for Obama to make after the last three years, but it would have been worth a try. It's a theme Romney could turn to his advantage, but it might get in the way of GOP mobilization; hard-line conservatives don't want to hear even a hint of enthusiasm for compromises with Democrats.

Voters who tuned in hoping to learn more details about where each candidate would take the country didn't learn much. Romney has embraced running mate Paul Ryan's astringent budget in principle, but he still won't say exactly how much of it he would pursue in practice. Obama's campaign promised a concrete plan for the president's second term, but all he delivered was a list of ambitious goals (1 million manufacturing jobs, 100,000 science teachers).

## Laws that encourage corporate tax havens are bad for America

For citizens hoping for serious tax policy and budget debates, this has been a dispiriting election cycle. One party urges tax rates too low to support any plausible platform from which government can deliver the services we all expect.

Those are the Democrats.

The other party inhabits a realm of fantasy akin to Erewhon, the fictional land created by the 19th century satirist Samuel Butler. In Erewhon, Butler wrote, "If a man has made a fortune ... they exempt him from all taxation, considering him as a work of art, and too precious to be meddled with; they say, 'How very much he must have done for society before society could have been prevailed upon to give him so much money.'"

It is a pity that Republicans do not appreciate that Butler was writing ironically.

And now, compounding the race to the bottom, Mitt Romney has stepped forward to congratulate corporate tax cheats. Romney recently announced at a fundraising event that big businesses "know how to find ways to get through the tax code, save money by putting various things in the places where there are low-tax havens around the world for their businesses."

But this is not how the tax law is meant to operate. By presenting it as a sign of business savvy, Romney is further egging on U.S.-based multinationals that already are world leaders in tax avoidance strategies.

The U.S. tax principle, and the principle at work in every other major economy, is that corporate income should be taxed in the country where it is earned. If that principle were scrupulously followed, very little income would be reported in tax havens, which generally have relatively small populations and in most cases modest manufacturing bases. But instead we find that U.S.-based multi-

nationals claim that an extraordinary percentage of their income is "earned" in tax havens.

The evidence is abundant. Firms such as Microsoft and Google regularly enjoy effective tax rates on their foreign income well below 10 percent—levels far below the nominal tax rates of the countries in which their customers or research activities are located.

IRS data show that the profitable foreign subsidiaries of all U.S. firms taken together pay tax at an effective rate of about 16 percent—less than half the U.S. statutory rate, and again far below the rates of other major economies around the world, where these subsidiaries actually do business. Reed College economics professor Kimberly Clausing in a 2011 paper found that six of the seven top profit centers for the international income, claimed by U.S.-based firms, impose tax at effective rates of 4 percent or lower.

A large portion of what really is going on is "profit shifting"—simply claiming that profits are earned by subsidiaries in low-tax countries rather than the parent company or other affiliates. This is simply tax avoidance by another name.

As my own research has demonstrated, there is another strand of tax planning at work, which I call "stateless income." The idea is that income initially is recorded where it is actually earned, say, in Germany, but then is shifted to a low-tax country such as Ireland through intragroup loans, software licenses and similar financial strategies, all of which are largely invisible to the outside world.

Stateless income planning simply rewards internal tax engineering of the sort at which American firms excel.

One reaction to the stateless income phenomenon might be that if American firms systematically move taxable income (but not real economic activity) from Germany to Ireland, well then, good for them. They've saved on their tax bills, and why should we care?

could all move on.

Another important matter, I urge everyone to read the letter of Mr. Edward DeLeon Guerrero about the pozzolan and Mr. John Sablan and if you don't understand in your first reading, then read it again. By the third time, I am pretty sure it will make sense. Give the guy the contract so he could spread the wealth and you don't have to tax us. Let's stop this mentality of dragging down people if there is nothing in it for you or when we see someone is moving up. Show us some leadership.

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*Los Angeles Times*

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With less than 60 days remaining in the campaign, the arguments do appear, as the strategists say, "baked in." The candidates will debate three times in October, but that's more an opportunity for committing gaffes than for proposing new initiatives. And billions of dollars worth of television advertising will flood Ohio, Florida, Virginia and other unfortunate battleground states. The two parties' vast machinery of mobilization will hector voters to fulfill their civic duty.

But the biggest factor may simply be unexpected events. "In any campaign, at least three things will happen that you don't expect," former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo used to instruct aides. "How the candidates react to those events will determine how the election turns out."

We might see an unanticipated turn in the economy, up or down. It might be a crisis with Iran, which could help or hinder either campaign (a sitting president usually gets a boost from a foreign crisis, but this one could come with a spike in the price of gasoline). Or, because we're thinking about the unexpected, it could be something that can't be guessed at.

Neither Romney nor Obama managed to use the conventions to open a commanding lead. That doesn't mean that their time was wasted. But it does mean that this campaign is likely to remain close, divisive and joyless. It's going to be a long 59 days.

By **EDWARD D. KLEINBARD**

*Los Angeles Times*

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The answer is that when we countenance a tax system that rewards such a tax strategy, we implicitly encourage U.S. firms to invest overseas—not necessarily in tax havens but in other major economies. Once a U.S.-based multinational's income is treated as earned outside the United States, the firm then can easily migrate its income from the high-tax foreign countries in which the income is earned to tax havens.

U.S. corporate tax revenues are eroded as American firms report a disproportionate share of their worldwide income in offshore tax havens, and foreign multinationals employ similar strategies to reduce U.S. tax on their investments in the United States.

When Romney endorses the idea that U.S. firms are doing right by reporting their profits overwhelmingly in tax havens, he shows contempt for a basic principle of tax law. This encourages still more aggressive profit shifting and stateless income tax planning. The missing tax revenue must be made up by domestic firms and individual Americans.

That may be the right thing to do in Erewhon, but in the real world, corporate tax cheating hurts us all.

## Don't be a bully

Impeach! Impeach! The daily topic in everyone's mind. It makes me proud that citizens of the CNMI are taking a stand on issues concerning our islands. It's nice to see people stand up for what he/she believes in. The only caution that one should be aware of is the turnabout in the situation, where the concerned citizen becomes the bully and dictator as well! This message goes out to all who are voicing out, "Impeach!" Voice it but don't threaten individuals who don't agree with you or your ideas because you in turn also become the bully and dictator. Just something to think about.

**Maria Sablan**  
Koblerville Saipan

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Get it out of the way






I couldn't believe that the House speaker will drag the impeachment process to further embarrass the governor by appointing a committee to investigate. What is there to investigate when there is a signed complaint against the governor? Do you think the committee will come out and say that the \$190 million contract and the other charges did not happen? I think not! I urge you and your colleagues to send the impeachment up to the Senate and have the governor defend himself or set him free. It is as simple as that and it is the Legislature's duty. Get this thing out of the way so we



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼78°	▲88 ° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼75
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼80

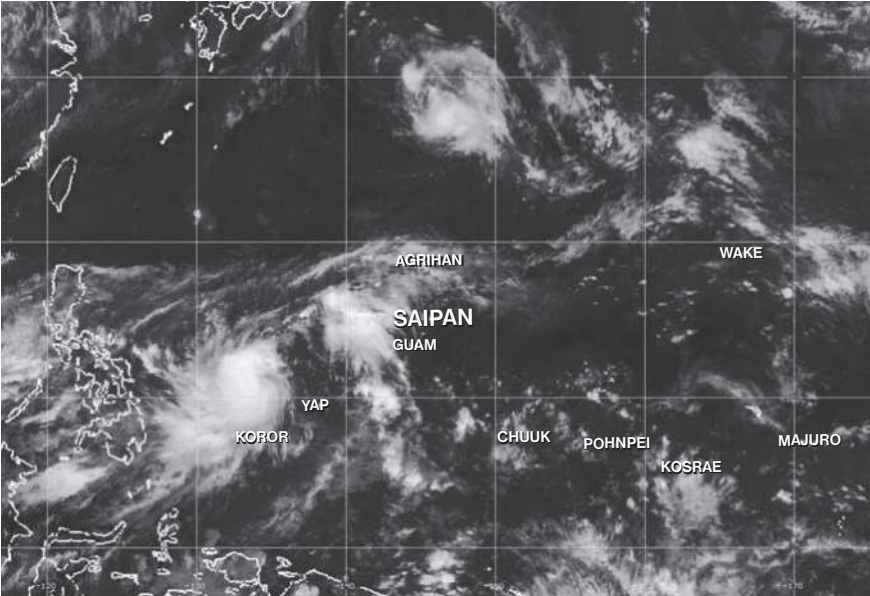
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲56 ▼42
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼56
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85 ▼73
London	Cloudy	▲67 ▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82 ▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼77
New York	Sunny	▲75 ▼57
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼73
Paris	Cloudy	▲65 ▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼71
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼68
Salem	Windy	▲75 ▼45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼55
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲81 ▼69
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼73
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲78 ▼60

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
6:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression 17W (Sanba) is centered about 165 miles north of Koror at 10N134E moving north-northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the center. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of Koror between 5N and 13N from 130E to 132E and also between Yap and the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 16N138E to 5N143E. For more information on TD17W, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGWT and bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough curves northwestward from 1N165E to 5N163E. Scattered showers are taking place over Kosrae between 1N and 5N from 161E to 166E. Another surface trough runs northeastward from 17N174E to beyond the date line at 20N. Scattered showers are present northeast of Wake Island between 16N and 21N from 171E to 178E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:20 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:19 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:16 AM	3:17 PM
Thursday	3:09 AM	4:01 PM
Friday	4:03 AM	4:45 PM
Saturday	4:57 AM	5:29 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:13 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am +1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	UZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Business

## Attention on iPhone as holiday lineups unveiled



Jeff Bezos, CEO and founder of Amazon, holds the new Amazon Kindle Fire HD at the product's introduction in Santa Monica, Calif., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Attention is turning to Apple this week amid expectations that it's announcing a new iPhone.

Amazon, Nokia and Motorola all tried to generate interest in their products last week, hoping that a head start on the buzz will translate into stronger sales.

Amazon announced four new Kindle Fire models and a new line of stand-alone e-readers, while Nokia and Motorola unveiled five new smartphones between them.

Makers of consumer electronics are refreshing their products for the holiday shopping season.

Nokia and Microsoft, in particular, are trying to generate interest in a new Windows operating system out next month. The two phones announced by Nokia are among the first to run Windows Phone 8.

Sales of Apple's iPhones are still strong, though the company lost the lead in smartphones to Samsung this year. Samsung Electronics Co. benefited from having its Galaxy S III out in the U.S. in June, while Apple was still selling an iPhone model released last October. A new iPhone is expected as early as this month, allowing Apple to recapture attention and revenue.

Apple dominates the market for tablet computers. Seven out of every 10 tablets shipped in the second quarter were iPads, according to research firm IHS iSuppli.

Rivals have been trying to compete with smaller, cheaper models—such as Amazon's Kindle Fire. New models from Amazon include ones with screens nearly as large as the iPad's, while there's speculation

that Apple will be coming out with a smaller iPad.

Here's a look at what to expect in the coming months:

### NEW IPHONE

Apple Inc. has come out with a new iPhone each year, and that's likely to continue. The new model is expected to work with fourth-generation, or 4G, cellular networks that phone companies have been building. That capability is something the S III and many other iPhone rivals already have. A bigger iPhone screen is also possible.

Apple will host an event in San Francisco on Wednesday. The topic wasn't disclosed, but the email invitation contains a shadow in the shape of a "5"—a sign that the iPhone 5 is coming. Sales usually begin a week or two after such an announcement.

he pledged income and sales tax would not be raised.

One tax relates to profits made through the sale of property that has increased in value, the other related to "green issues" which he did not specify.

He said it was likely Spain's ailing banks would not need all of the €100 billion (\$125 billion) bank bailout fund approved by the 17 countries that use the European single currency.

He also said Spain would meet its deficit reduction targets and would be within the 4.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product for 2013.

year. Coffee for December delivery jumped 10.6 cents, or 6.5 percent, to finish at \$1.7365 per pound. That's the highest level since early August. Although Brazil's coffee crop appears headed toward a robust harvest, Colombia's crop was hampered by heavy rainfall that caused delays earlier in the season. Colombia could produce a smaller-than-expected crop for the fourth consecutive year, Barclays Capital analysts said in a report on Friday. (AP)

action by the Federal Reserve on Thursday served as a safety net Benchmark crude ended up 12 cents to \$96.54 in New York. The price remains in a virtual stall—oil has traded between \$94 per barrel and \$97 per barrel for nearly a month.

### Coffee price skyrockets as weather affects crops

The price of coffee is skyrocketing on speculation that Colombia's harvest will be smaller than expected for the fourth straight

# Nation

## Chicago teachers strike; headache for Obama ally

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Thousands of teachers walked off the job Monday in Chicago, the third-largest U.S. school district, creating a tense political standoff for Mayor Rahm Emanuel just as the former chief aide to President Barack Obama takes on a larger role in his former boss's campaign.

The walkout by 26,000 teachers and support staff forced hundreds of thousands of parents to scramble for a place to send idle children and created an unwelcome political distraction for Emanuel. In a year

nearly 350,000 students' safety.

The two sides resumed negotiations Monday but failed to reach a settlement, meaning the strike will extend into at least a second day. Chicago School Board President David Vitale told reporters that board and union negotiators did not even get around to bargaining on the two biggest issues.



Emanuel

"This is a long-term battle that everyone's going to watch," said Eric Hanushek, a senior fellow in education at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. "Other teachers unions in the United States are wondering if they should follow suit."

Thousands of teachers and their supporters took over several downtown streets during the Monday evening rush. Police secured several blocks around district headquarters as the crowds marched and chanted.

The strike in Obama's hometown quickly got caught up in

election-year politics, as Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said Chicago teachers were turning their backs on thousands of students and accused Obama of siding with the striking teachers.

Obama's top spokesman said the president has not taken sides but is urging both the teachers and the city to settle quickly.

The strike's timing seems inopportune for Emanuel, a former White House chief of staff whose city administration was already wrestling with a spike in murders and shootings in some city neighborhoods before he agreed to take a larger role in fundraising for Obama's re-election.

Emanuel and the union officials have much at stake. Unions and collective bargaining by public employees have recently come under criticism in many parts of the U.S., and all sides are closely monitoring who might emerge with the upper hand in the Chicago dispute as Election Day looms in November.

## Debate surrounds annual \$60M cost of 9/11 memorial

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A debate over balancing the need to honor the memory of Sept. 11 with the enormous costs of running a memorial and museum at ground zero has been reawakened on the eve of the attacks' 11th anniversary, as officials faced questions Monday over the project's expected \$60 million-a-year operating budget and an agreement paving the way for the museum's completion was reached.

The number comes on top of the \$700 million construction cost of the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum. A report Sunday by The Associated Press noted that \$12 million a year would be spent on security, more than the entire operating budgets of Gettysburg National Military Park and the monument that includes

the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who leads the board of the non-profit foundation that controls the museum and memorial, on Monday called the memorial's operating cost a necessity for security and other costs unique to hosting millions of visitors a year on the reborn site of two terror attacks, in 1993 and 2001.

Some congressional Democrats underscored their efforts to help get federal money to cover some of the operating cost, while a Republican senator reiterated his opposition. Even some victims' family members are divided over whether the annual price tag represents the price of paying tribute to the nearly 3,000

lives lost or the cost of unnecessary grandeur.

At ground zero, several visitors Monday to the memorial plaza were surprised—but not put off—by the \$60 million-a-year figure.

"Really?" said Pat Lee, 57, a Walmart manager from Atlanta. But, she said, "I don't think the money is too much. Because it's important to keep alive the memory of what happened."

The memorial, the centerpiece of the rebuilt World Trade Center site, includes a serene, solemn memorial plaza, where waterfalls fill the fallen towers' footprints, and a mostly underground museum that is to house such artifacts as the staircase workers used to escape the attacks.

cause an agreement has not been reached said flights in the redesigned program would be for Mexicans arrested throughout the United States and run year-round. It would be designed for a mix of Mexicans who committed crimes in the United States and non-criminals.

"Removing Mexican nationals to the interior of Mexico is part of an effort to reduce repeat attempts to illegally enter the United States, avoid the loss of human life and minimize the potential for exploitation of illegal migrants by human smuggling and trafficking organizations as well as other organizations," the department said in a statement.

Mexico's Foreign Relations Department declined to comment Monday.

## US halts Mexico flights for migrants

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)**—The U.S. government has halted flights home for Mexicans caught entering the country illegally in the deadly summer heat of Arizona's deserts, a money-saving move that follows a seven-year experiment that cost taxpayers nearly \$100 million.

More than 125,000 passengers were flown deep into Mexico for free since 2004 in an effort that initially met with skepticism from Mexican government officials and migrants, but was gradually embraced as a way to help people back on their feet and save lives.

The Border Patrol hailed it as a way to discourage people from trying their luck again, and it appears to have kept

many away—at least for a short time.

But with Border Patrol arrests at 40-year lows and fresh evidence suggesting more people may be heading south of the border than north, officials struggled to fill the planes and found costs more difficult to justify. Flights carrying up to 146 people were cut to once from twice daily last year.

And this summer, there haven't been any.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which includes the Border Patrol, said Monday that it anticipates flights will resume next month in a redesigned program.

A U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity be-

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil prices end higher on hope of stimulus

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The price of oil finished slightly higher Monday after a push-pull between bad economic news and expectations that central banks will intervene to boost growth. Data released Monday showed China's imports shrank unexpectedly in August. China's president warned of a further slowdown and at one point drove benchmark oil fell by \$1 per barrel. But the hope of stimulus



# Asia

## Muslim rebels: PH peace pact possible soon

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The largest Muslim rebel group in the Philippines said Monday that a peace accord with the government could be forged soon despite recent attempts by a breakaway guerrilla faction to derail the talks.

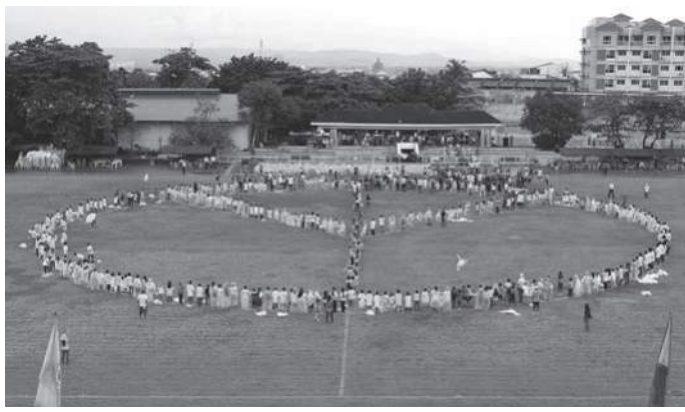
Mohagher Iqbal, chief negotiator of the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said more than 50 percent of the issues being tackled by the rebels and government negotiators in Malaysian-brokered talks have been settled in principle.

President Benigno Aquino III has expressed hope that a peace pact can be signed as early as December.

Asked if he shared Aquino's optimism, Iqbal told The Associated Press that "If the current trend of negotiations will not change, I think it's highly probable."

But he added that "negotiations are unpredictable. Nothing's agreed until you sign and agree."

The Moro group has been battling for decades for self-rule for minority Muslims in the south of the predominantly Roman



Filipino school children and supporters form a "Peace" sign as they celebrate the National Peace Consciousness Month in suburban Pasig, east of Manila, Philippines on Sunday Sept. 2, 2012.

Catholic country. The rebellion has left more than 120,000 people dead, held back progress in the resource-rich south and sparked worries by Western governments that rebel strongholds could serve as breeding grounds for al-Qaida-linked extremists.

The planned signing of a preliminary peace pact in 2008 was scuttled when the Supreme Court declared the agreement unconstitutional, prompting three rebel commanders to launch attacks on Christian

communities in the south. The attacks and an ensuing military offensive killed dozens of people and displaced about 750,000 villagers until the two sides agreed on a cease-fire.

Last month, a rebel faction opposed to the talks attacked several army camps and outposts in two southern provinces, sparking two weeks of sporadic fighting that left more than 50 dead and displaced 45,000 others. The new unrest eased after the military launched a crackdown.

the greatest faith in their economic fortunes," it added.

India's economy grew a disappointing 5.5 percent in the last quarter ending June, a sharp slowdown from the 8 percent growth in the same period a year ago.

The disappointing state of the economy reflects the complete disarray of the Congress party-led government, which has been embroiled in a host of corruption scandals. Opposition parties paralyzed Parliament in protest, leaving the government unable to act on economic issues.

States, where only 29 percent were happy about their country's state of affairs. The survey found that 82 percent of Chinese and 53 percent of Brazilians were satisfied with the overall direction of their respective countries.

About eight in 10 Indians interviewed said the shape of the economy, unemployment and rising prices were "very big problems," the report said.

"In a world where the Americans, the Europeans and even the Chinese have reason to worry about their economies, it is the Indians who have lost

## Survey: Indians disappointed with economy, govt

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—As their economy slows and the government is hammered by corruption scandals, Indians are increasingly dejected about their country's future, according to a survey released Monday by the Pew Research Center.

Only 38 percent of Indians were satisfied with the direction that the country had taken, a 13-percentage-point drop from last year and the largest such dip in 17 countries surveyed in both 2011 and 2012. India's satisfaction trails China and Brazil but still exceeds the United

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### China sends patrol ships to islands held by Japan

**BEIJING (AP)**—Chinese government ships are patrolling near contested East China Sea islands in a show of anger after Tokyo moved to assert its control in the area. China's official Xinhua News Agency says two patrol ships of the China Marine Surveillance reached the waters off the islands Tuesday. The marine agency is a paramilitary force whose ships are often lightly armed, and Xinhua says it had drawn up a plan of action to safeguard China's sovereignty of the islands. Beijing warned Monday that Japan would suffer unspecified consequences if Tokyo purchased the islands from private owners, as it formally did Tuesday. Japan already controls the islands, known to Japanese as the Senkakus and to Chinese as the Diaoyus, but Beijing sees the purchase as a further affront to its claims.

#### Nearly 300 Filipinos fleeing Syria fly back home

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Nearly 300 Filipino workers fleeing the civil war in Syria have returned home in the biggest single repatriation negotiated between the two governments. The workers, all of them young women who worked as babysitters and maids, say they were scared for their safety and could not sleep at night because of aerial bombardments. They sought shelter at the Philippine Embassy in Damascus and last week, Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario traveled to Syria to organize their evacuation. After welcoming them at the Manila airport Tuesday, del Rosario said he was able to secure a waiver of exit fees and other bureaucratic formalities for the workers. He said up to 600 more want to return home. The rest of an estimated 3,000 Filipino workers decided to stay in Syria.

#### Police: 27 killed, 11 hurt in Nepal bus accident

**KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)**—A bus veered off a mountain highway and crashed into a river in western Nepal on Tuesday, killing at least 27 people and injuring another 11, police said. Police official Lal Bahadur Pandey said the accident took place before dawn near Parkha village, about 400 kilometers (250 miles) northwest of the capital Katmandu. The area is a remote mountainous region where the roads are narrow and have hairpin turns. The cause of the crash—in which the bus rolled about 300 meters (1,000 feet) before it landed in a river—was not immediately known. Not many vehicles travel along the highways in the area, and Pandey said the accident wasn't noticed until a passing vehicle spotted it after sunrise. Rescuers have been sent to the area.

# World

## Syrian defector says opposition can win

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syria's most prominent defector said in an interview that aired Monday that he opposes any foreign military intervention in the country's civil war and that he is confident the opposition can topple President Bashar Assad's regime.

But Manaf Tlass, a Syrian general who was the first member of Assad's inner circle to join the opposition, said the rebels need weapons.

"The Syrian people must not be robbed of their victory, they must be given support, aid, arms," Tlass said in a recorded interview that aired Monday on French television station BFM.

He called on outside powers to give the opposition "all the aid and support" needed to topple Assad.

Foreign military intervention, however, "could not provide a solution" to the conflict, he said. The uprising against Assad's regime began in March 2011 with mostly peaceful protests against the family dynasty that has ruled Syria for four decades. But the battle has transformed

into a civil war, and activists estimate that at least 23,000 people have been killed.

Tlass' defection in July was hailed as a resounding triumph by many Syrian opposition activists. But many in the opposition are deeply suspicious of Tlass, saying he is just trying to vault to power. In the weeks after he abandoned the regime, Tlass began touring regional powers to garner support for the uprising.

"My role is to unify, bring together my people, that is my role," he said in Monday's interview.

Tlass, who is in his forties, is the son of former defense minister Mustafa Tlass, who was the most trusted lieutenant of the late Hafez Assad, the president's father and predecessor.

Although the Assad regime has been hit by a string of defections, the inner circle has remained remarkably ironclad over the course of the conflict. Still, the government has not been able to crush the rebellion, leading to a murderous grind.

The new U.N.-Arab League envoy to the country, meanwhile, said the Syrian people

are desperate for peace and stability.

Lakhdar Brahimi said he will travel to Syria this week to meet with regime officials as well as civic groups in a new bid to broker a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

"I answer to no one except the Syrian people," Brahimi told reporters in Cairo, where he was meeting with Arab League officials and Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi. "Syrians aspire to peace, stability and to realizing their goals of freedom and political progress."

Brahimi replaced former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who stepped down in August in frustration after his six-point peace plan that included a cease-fire collapsed.

The fight for Aleppo, a city of 3 million that was once a bastion of support for Assad, has emerged as one of the main battlegrounds of the civil war. Its fall would give the opposition a major strategic victory with a stronghold in the north near the Turkish border. A rebel defeat, at the very least, would buy Assad more time.

## Palestinian protests turn violent in West Bank

**HEBRON, West Bank (AP)**—Palestinian demonstrators fed up with high prices and unpaid salaries shuttered shops, halted traffic with burning tires and clashed with riot police in demonstrations across the West Bank on Monday—the largest show of popular discontent with the Palestinian Authority in its 18-year existence.

The violence showed that the unrest, initially supported by Palestinian leaders in hopes of drawing international attention to the struggling economy, risks backfiring and morphing into a broader movement against the government.

"Nobody is able to live, except the big officials," said Sami Saleh, a 57-year-old taxi driver who supports his family of eight

on a \$700 monthly salary. "We have to pressure this government to change," he said.

As he spoke, youths hollered and cheered as they set tires alight behind him, sending plumes of black smoke into the air and blocking the main road from the West Bank city of Ramallah to the nearby city of Jerusalem. Nearby, striking taxi and bus drivers scribbled the word "taxi" on a donkey in yellow paint.

The most heated clashes occurred in Hebron, where hundreds of protesters smashed the windows of a municipality building with rocks. The crowd tried to storm the building but was thwarted by riot police who fired tear gas and beat back some of the demon-

strators. Later, protesters tried to attack the police station, prompting a pitched rock-hurling battle between police and demonstrators.

There were no injuries. But the violence was significant because it targeted a symbol of Palestinian self-rule. Usually, Palestinians reserve their anger for Israel, which captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and wields overall control of the area.

Most of the rage has been directed toward Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, a U.S.-educated economist who oversees the government's finances. But at least part of the anger appeared engineered by Fayyad's powerful rivals in the Fatah movement led by President Abbas.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Safrica labor unrest spreads; 36,000 miners strike

**MARIKANA, South Africa (AP)**—Chanting miners wielded machetes, clubs and spears marched from shaft to shaft of South Africa's beleaguered Lonmin platinum mine Monday, trying to intimidate the few workers who reported for duty in the fourth week of a crippling strike whose impact has already included dozens of miners killed by police. At one point on their 10-kilometer (six-mile) trek, a striker lashed a whip at a man they accused of reporting for work. He took off across the scrubland

with dozens of men waving machetes and clubs in pursuit. The man was saved by police officers who pulled him into their moving vehicle. Meanwhile, labor unrest spread in the country, with an illegal strike by more than 10,000 workers halting operations at the west section of Gold Fields International's KDC gold mine.

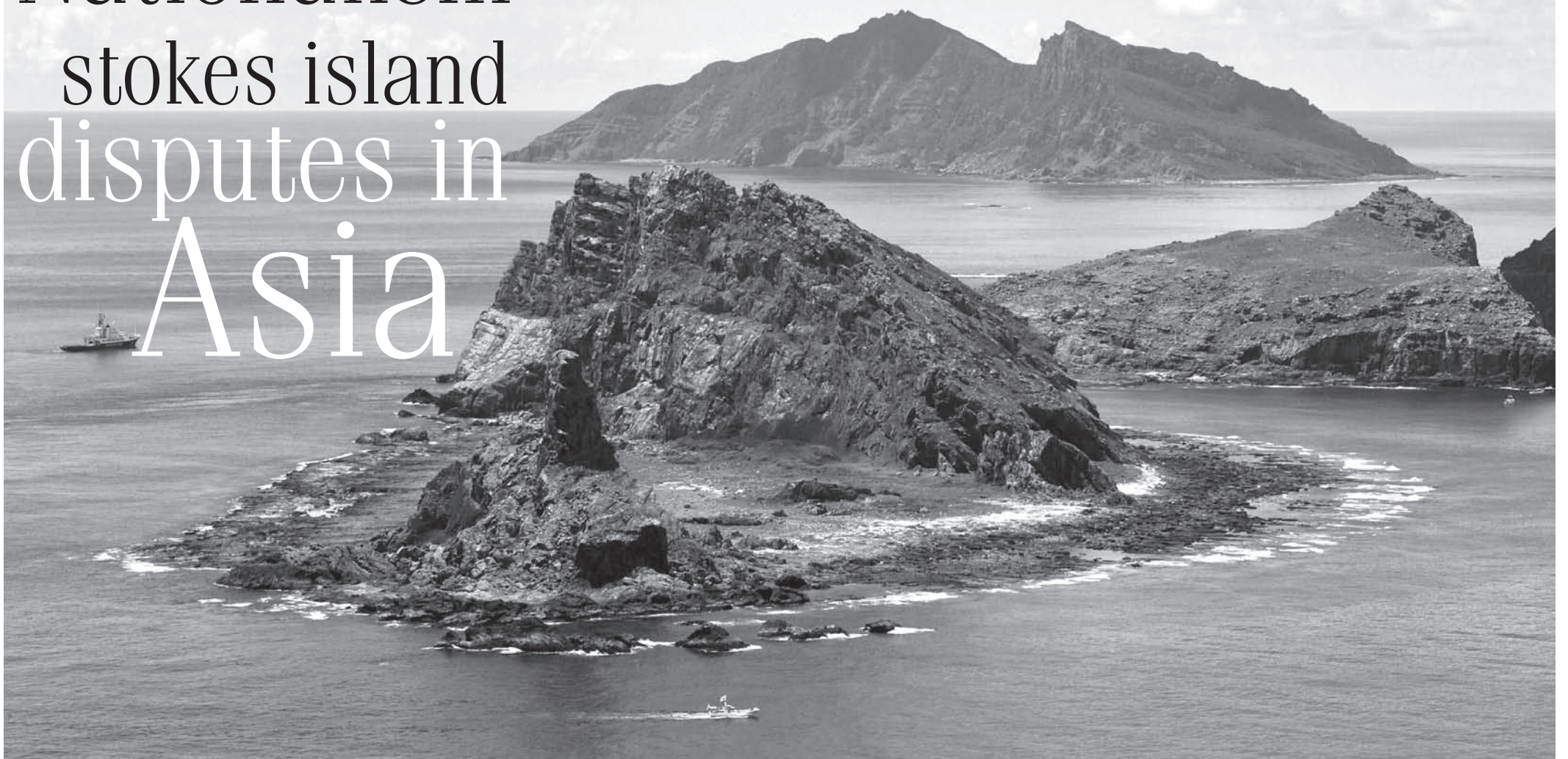
#### Bootleg liquor kills 1 Czech, sickens others

**PRAGUE (AP)**—Police say bootleg alcohol tainted with methanol has killed one person in the Czech Republic and left a dozen others hospitalized. Police have raided a kiosk in the

eastern city of Havírov where some of the cheap liquor is believed to have originated and arrested a 36-year-old male suspect. Methanol, or wood alcohol, is mainly used for industrial purposes. Sona Stetinska, a police spokeswoman, said Monday that one woman has died from the alcohol and two men are suspected of dying of it in that region. A dozen other victims are being treated in hospitals, with four of them in critical condition. Authorities have launched a nationwide check of restaurants, bars, liquor stores and street markets to see if the bootleg booze is being sold there.



## Focus

Nationalism  
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Asia

In this Sept. 2, 2012 file photo, the survey ship Koyo Maru, left, chartered by Tokyo city officials, sails around Minamikojima, foreground, Kitakojima, middle right, and Uotsuri, background, the tiny islands in the East China Sea, called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. The disputed ownership of these islands as well as others in the region is inflaming nationalist fervor from the cold North Pacific to the tropical South China Sea. AP

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—They are mere specks on the map. Many are uninhabited, and others sparsely so by fishermen and seasonal residents. Yet the disputed ownership of these tiny constellations of islands is inflaming nationalist fervor from the cold North Pacific to the tropical South China Sea.**

In recent weeks, these long-simmering tensions have returned to a boil, with violent protests in Chinese cities, a provocative island junket by South Korea's lame-duck president, and Japan's government reportedly planning to buy disputed islands from their private owners.

The popular analysis is that the rising tensions are fueled by a regional power shift that has seen China become increasingly assertive with its neighbors in securing claims over potentially resource-rich waters to its south and east. But the growing acrimony may have at least as much to do with domestic political posturing.

"Wrapping yourself up in the national flag gives a very convenient exit for people with other agendas to justify their positions," said political scientist Koichi Nakano of Tokyo's Sophia University.

Nationalism has often been used by China's communist leaders to cover up domestic problems—such as the economic slowdown the country is now facing, not to mention problems with a growing rich-poor divide and official corruption.

The same could be said, to

an extent, in Japan and South Korea, where some politicians seem to be using the island disputes to further their agendas ahead of elections or to divert attention from thornier topics.

Few believe the diverse Asian actors in this rapidly developing drama will actually come to blows, but manipulation of popular opinion among island disputants like China, South Korea and the Philippines is raising the chances of violence by either accident or miscalculation. Such an outcome would seriously threaten the fragile tranquility that has helped catapult tens of millions of Asians from poverty to prosperity.

The disputed islands were on the agenda this week as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled across the region.

Meeting Monday with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, she urged members of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations to present a united front to China in dealing with territorial disputes in the South China Sea. She also discussed the issue with Chinese leaders during meetings in Beijing this week.

Preferred access to potentially lucrative oil and gas reserves and rich fishing grounds is helping to drive the disputes, along with an increasingly prosperous and militarily strong China that is beginning to challenge America's historic supremacy as a Pacific power.

"There is a big power shift in this region and that is encouraging the parties involved to make their case in order not to lose their ground," said security specialist Narushige Michishita of Japan's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.

But the nationalist card is also front and center as governments jockey for position.

"Nationalism is playing a very large role in all of these disputes," said international relations specialist George Tsai of Taipei's Chinese Culture University. "Whether it's China, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines or Korea, all these countries are appealing to nationalist sentiments."

Right-wing politicians in Japan are using the issue to drum up nationalist support, and even mainstream politicians within the ruling party seem willing to let the issue grab headlines from issues like a tax hike and energy

policy reforms that are being demanded after last year's nuclear disaster, Nakano said.

Similar motives can be seen in outgoing South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's visit to an island claimed by Seoul and Tokyo as he seeks to boost his legacy on what could become a key issue in his party's bid to maintain power in what will be a toughly fought election.

Last month lame duck Lee became the first Korean president to set foot on Dokdo island, which is called Takeshima by Japan. Korea and Japan have a bitter history—marked by decades of harsh Japanese colonial rule on the Korean Peninsula. Thumbing one's nose at Tokyo has long had substantial cachet for millions of Koreans.

"I'm skeptical that this has anything to do with international relations," Nakano said. "It has more to do with domestic politics because internationally it doesn't make any sense."

In the Philippines, President Benigno Aquino III has been much more outspoken than predecessor Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on the need to defend the country's territorial claims, and has publicly appealed to the U.S. for help with China's chal-

lenge to disputed areas in the South China Sea.

Aquino wants international arbitrators to resolve the issues, a stance that has nettled China, which insists the best way of settling differences with Asian neighbors is through bilateral talks.

China has also been at loggerheads with Vietnam, particularly after Beijing's formal creation of a municipality headquartered on Woody Island in the Paracel Islands, long a bone of contention between the two nations. China and Vietnam have a millennia-long history of fear and loathing, and China's establishment of a Paracels prefecture prompted anti-China demonstrations in Hanoi, where authorities are normally quick to squelch popular manifestations of anger.

Vietnam has also sparred with Taiwan over the South China Sea's Spratly Islands, claimed by China, Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei and Malaysia. On Tuesday, the Taiwanese Coast Guard held a live fire exercise on Taiping Island in the Spratly chain, partly in response to the Vietnamese occupation of other Spratly locations. Taiwanese legislators rushed to attend

the exercises.

Just north of Taiwan, China and Japan remain immersed in their long-running battle over what the Japanese call the Senkaku Islands and the Chinese call Diaoyutai. Located roughly equidistant from Chinese and Japanese territory, the Japanese-controlled islands surged to prominence earlier this year when Shintaro Ishihara, Tokyo's strongly nationalistic governor, proposed purchasing and developing them. Japan's central government stepped in, and on Wednesday Japanese media reported it had agreed to buy several islands from their private Japanese owners—a move that Japanese experts say is an attempt to sideline Ishihara and his nationalistic agenda.

Thousands took to the streets in Chinese cities last month to protest Japan's claims, with demonstrators burning flags and vandalizing Japanese restaurants and cars.

Japan's Deputy Prime Minister Katsuya Okada maintained Thursday that the flare-up had not hurt official relations between the countries and emotions on both sides were being fanned by activists.



# Campus Life

## MLSC completes Back-to-School Project



A student is presented with one of the backpacks containing school supplies that were donated by the Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. as part of its annual Back-to-School Project. Other photo shows other backpacks, all of them filled with a range of school supplies.

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. once again conducted its annual Back-to-School Project. Office staff donated money and new school supplies and organized a drive among other legal providers in their annual effort to give needy kids a chance to start school with the items they need to succeed.

“We believe that kids will be more enthusiastic about learn-

ing if they have the tools they need,” said Jane Mack, the directing attorney at the Marianas Office.

Many other attorneys and members of the legal community share the desire to help children prepare for their educational experience.

“An education is vitally important in being successful in the future,” attorney William Satterberg said.

This year, in addition to MLSC staff, donations were given by Richard W. Pierce, William Satterberg, Rexford Kosack, Loren Sutton, Brad-dock Huesman, Thomas Clif-ford, Marsha Schultz, Kathryn Delafield, Eileen Escudero, Heather Kennedy, Vicente Sa-las, Adam Hardwicke, Jennifer Dockter, and Suzanne Steffey.

As a result of the generous support, MLSC distributed 76

backpacks with a wide range of supplies in them, and eight small kits of basic school items. Children were selected as recip-ients from MLSC client fam-ilies, referrals by Karidat and other community organizations, and self-referrals (phone inqui-ries). The donated supplies will help at least some students be prepared as they return to the classroom for school year 12-13. (MLSC)

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### In Celebration of Her New Life

*Katrina Reynalyn Rebeliyan Ruwaath*

July 13, 2012 – September 01, 2012



Katrina Reynalyn Rebeliyan Ruwaath went to be with our Lord on September 01, 2012. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Katrina had touched in some small way throughout her short, yet very memorable life.

Katrina’s life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by her understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. Her gentle smile, coo’s, butterfly kisses, tiny fingers and toes and baby soft skin brought so much joy to our family.

Although she was so tiny and frail, she gave us all such courage and hope and reminded us of the preciousness of life. She loved to smile, be sung to and gazed at bright lights. She enjoyed music and soft sounds. She loved to be soothed by being held in the arms of her parents.

**Katrina’s Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:**  
**Parents:** MaryRose G. and Venitus (Vince) Ruwaath  
**Brother:** Deven G. Gima  
**Sisters:** Kaylina and Kabrina Ruwaath  
**Maternal Grandparents:** James and Regina Gima & Reynaldo Gonzales  
**Paternal Grandparents:** John and Patrice Ruwaath & Edward and Nicolina Gechig

She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

On Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:00a.m., the Christian Celebration Service will be held at Life In The Son Christian Fellowship Church (two storey building across Hollywood Videos at San Jose), followed by Christian Burial at Tanapag Cemetery.

*Thank You, Kammagar, Salamat Po, Dangkulo na Si Yuus Ma’ase & Ghilisoo*  
**Vince, MaryRose, Deven, Kaylina & Kabrina**





# Noel Quichocho Taisacan

Born to Life: May 26, 1959  
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**He now joins his:**

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**Wife:** Lydia Babauta Taisacan  
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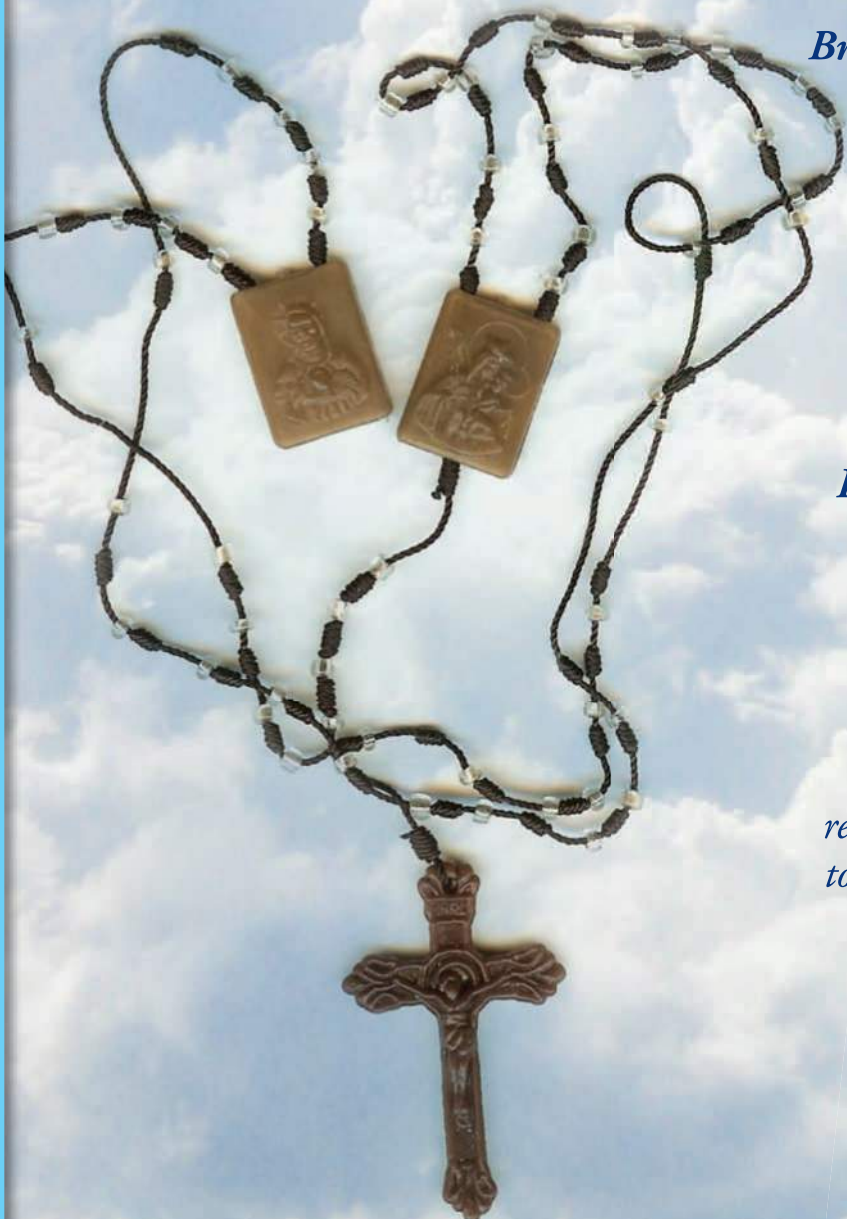
**He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.**

Nightly mass is being said at 6:00 pm at San Vicente Church followed immediately by The Holy Rosary.

Last respects will take place on Thursday, September 13, 2012. His remains will leave Cabrera's Funeral Home at 7:30 am and will be taken to San Vicente Church for public viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be said at 11:00 am.

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Lydia B. Taisacan  
Children & Family**





## A good conversationalist lets others have their say

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm really bad when it comes to speaking. It's hard for me to squeak out the few words I can. I am shy and not very sociable, so when I'm with people, even my two friends, I feel like I come across as rude.

I never have the right things to say. When I'm with my family, I don't usually have this problem.

In public, it seems like everyone else is so much more interesting than I am. Making conversation is a lot of trouble. I know this sounds silly, but do you know if there is anything that can be done about it? I heard you had a booklet about being more social. Is it still published? If so, how can I get one?

VICTORIA IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**DEAR VICTORIA:** Making conversation may seem like "a lot of trouble" to you because making conversation is a SKILL that you haven't yet mastered. A surefire way to contribute in social situations is to become informed about what is going on in the world by reading books, magazines, the Dear Abby column (of course) and going on the Internet. The more informed you are about the world, the better you will be.

You don't have to be an "authority" on everything. A good conversationalist is interested in what other people have to say instead of feeling pressured to fill the air with the sound of his or her own voice. My booklet "How to Be Popular" is filled with suggestions about how to polish one's social skills. It isn't meant to be read just once and then put aside. Read it often because it covers a variety of social situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. There are tips not only for what to say, but also what NOT to say, which is one of the keys for becoming the kind of person other people find interesting, attractive and want to know better. If parents, teachers and clergy know people who need help in this regard, it might make an inexpensive gift that could help change the course of their lives.

Most people can concentrate on only one thing at a time. One of the best cures for shyness is to forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person by asking about what he or she is interested in. Try it, and you'll find it works.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have this little boy I tutor. He is 7 and says he loves me. I'm 18. I try to tell him I'm way too old and he isn't my type, but all he says is, "Age ain't nothing but a number." Help! I need to know what to do.

ALEX IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR ALEX:** Start by telling him that the word "ain't" isn't appropriate—that what he should be saying is, "Age isn't anything but a number." Then tell him that while you are complimented, he is there to study—so you'll revisit the subject when HE is 18.

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*Dear Abby*

## Emma Watson's new fantasy role: Teen 'Wallflower'

**TORONTO (AP)**—Emma Watson is living out another fantasy—the life of a high school kid that she missed out on growing up in the Harry Potter fold.

For her first major film role since leaving the world of Potter behind, Watson chose "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," in which she plays an American teen who's part of a clique of hip outsiders at a Pittsburgh school.

The 22-year-old British actress said it gave her a taste of a whole different life considering her cloistered upbringing on the set of the Potter franchise, in which she was cast as bookish young hero Hermione Granger at age 9.

"It felt pretty exotic to me. It really did. It was a very voyeuristic experience," Watson said in an interview Sunday at the Toronto International Film Festival, where "Perks" played ahead of its U.S. theatrical release Sept. 21. "Getting to go to Friday night football and Olive Garden, school dances and all of that stuff. That was really another world to me."

She's rich and world-famous because of the eight "Harry Potter" films, and Watson shares Hermione's studiousness, spending a couple of years at Brown University years before launching into a busy post-"Potter" film schedule.

Yet for all the worldliness that comes with her Hollywood experience, Watson said that growing up in a bubble of celebrity has left her feeling like a kid when it comes to many things.

"There are some parts of me that feel very old, and then there are other parts of me that are, like, I have a sense of my own arrested development," Watson

## Minaj confirms her rap was no Romney endorsement

It's official: Nicki Minaj did not endorse Mitt Romney in a recent rap.

The flamboyant rapper confirmed Monday on Twitter that she was taking literary license when she referenced the Republican nominee for president. Some took her words to mean she was backing President Barack Obama's opponent.

Not Obama, though, who told



Emma Watson, a cast member in "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," poses for a portrait at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, in Toronto.

said. "There are some parts of me right now that are probably going through adolescence."

Her work ethic is fairly grown-up, though. While attending Brown and working on last year's "Harry Potter" finale, Watson squeezed in a small role in the Marilyn Monroe drama "My Week with Marilyn."

After "Perks," she co-starred in Sofia Coppola's 2013 release "The Bling Ring," playing one of a group of celebrity-obsessed Los Angeles teens who burgle the

homes of Hollywood stars. Watson also has a cameo role in Seth Rogen's upcoming comedy "The End of the World," playing a version of herself alongside other stars coping with the apocalypse during a party at James Franco's place.

Watson came to Toronto for the "Perks" premiere on a break from her next project, co-starring with Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly and Anthony Hopkins in director Darren Aronofsky's biblical epic "Noah." She heads back to work Tuesday on that film, which also



Minaj

different characters."

In her tweet, Minaj thanked

Obama for understanding "my creative humor and sarcasm," then noted: "the smart ones always do ... (asterisk)sends love & support."

Minaj rapped the verse in question while making an appearance on the Lil Wayne mix tape track "Mercy."

A message sent to Minaj's publicist was not immediately returned. (AP)

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Duncan's life celebrated in images, song, speeches

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Tom Hanks, Jay Leno, Holly Robinson Peete and Loretta Devine are among those who helped celebrate the life of Michael Clarke Duncan at a memorial service. The nearly four-hour service was marked by heartfelt speeches, rousing gospel performances and photos of the always-smiling star. Duncan was 54 when he died Sept. 3, having never fully recovered from a heart attack in July. His physician was among the speakers at Monday's service at Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries in Los Angeles. Singers Angie Stone, Kelly Price and Abraham McDonald lent their voices to the private funeral. Duncan's fiancée, the Rev. Omarosa O. Manigault, called Duncan "my best friend." The two had planned to wed in December.

### 'SNL' adds 3 new performers for upcoming season

**NEW YORK (AP)**—"Saturday Night Live" is adding three new performers for the upcoming season after the departures of Kristen Wiig and Andy Samberg. The sketch comedy show announced Monday that Cecily Strong, Aidy Bryant and Tim Robinson will be joining "SNL" for its 38th season. Strong comes from the touring company of the Chicago improv theater Second City. She will be a cast member. Bryant hails from the iO Theater in Chicago, and Robinson is an alumnus of Second City. They will be featured players. It's a period of transition for "SNL," which will enter its new season without Samberg, Wiig or Abby Elliott. Many also expect Jason Sudeikis to soon depart. "Saturday Night Live" premieres Saturday with host Seth MacFarlane and musical guest Frank Ocean.

### Angelina Jolie in Jordan to visit Syrian refugees

**AMMAN, Jordan (AP)**—The U.N. refugee agency says its special envoy, actress Angelina Jolie, is in Jordan to visit Syrians who fled the civil war in their country. UNHCR spokesman Ali Bebe says the Hollywood star arrived Monday and is to visit Jordan's first tent city for Syrian refugees on Tuesday morning. Jolie will be accompanied by U.N. refugee chief Antonio Guterres and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh on the visit to the Zatari camp, which hosts about 27,000 Syrians displaced by the 18-month conflict. Jordan has sheltered more than 185,000 Syrian refugees—the largest number in the region. The UNHCR in April promoted Jolie from serving as its goodwill ambassador to special envoy due to her work for the agency. Jolie has contributed \$5 million to U.N. efforts aiding refugees worldwide.

features her "Perks" co-star Logan Lerman.

Adapted by director Stephen Chbosky from his own novel, "Perks" casts Lerman as a deeply troubled high school freshman who falls in with a crowd of smart, nurturing seniors dealing with plenty of issues of their own. Watson's Sam becomes his dream girl, an old soul with a dark past herself earlier in her teen years.

After a decade as Hermione, Watson aims to give "Harry Potter" fans a taste of what she can do outside the world of witches and wizards.

"I hope what they can see is that I am able to transform, that there are other sides of me that perhaps they haven't seen yet, and that they might allow me a little bit of room," Watson said. "I mean, just doing American really is different. People have said to me that they keep forgetting it's me when they see the movie, which for me is more than enough. That's a success in itself for me, really."

## CeeLo says Christmas album is 'the real deal'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Just call CeeLo Green music's newest Santa Claus.

The 38-year-old singer-rapper is working on a Christmas album that he promises is "the real deal."

Green said in a recent interview that the album, "CeeLo's Magic Moment," is a "soulful take on a host of Christmas classics."

Among the tunes to be included on the Elektra Records album are "Silent Night," "The Christmas Song," "This Christmas," "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch" and "White Christmas."

Rod Stewart, B.o.B. and Straight No Chaser are among the featured artists.

Green's Christmas album will be released Oct. 30. The "Forget You!" singer is back this week as a coach on NBC's "The Voice," which begins its new season.



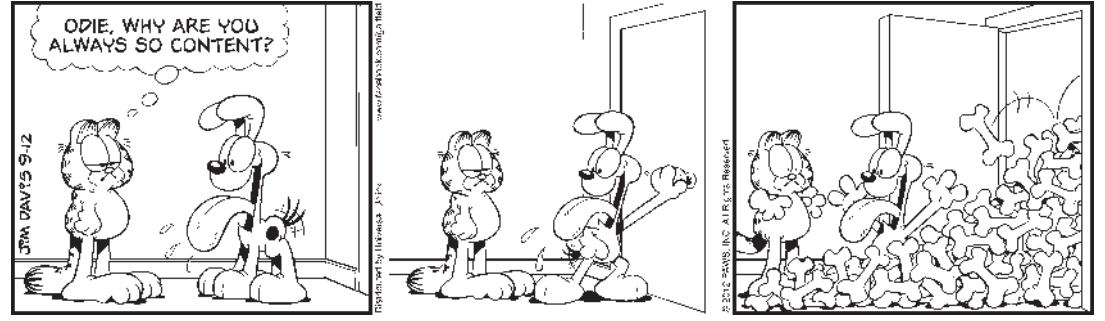
# Pastimes

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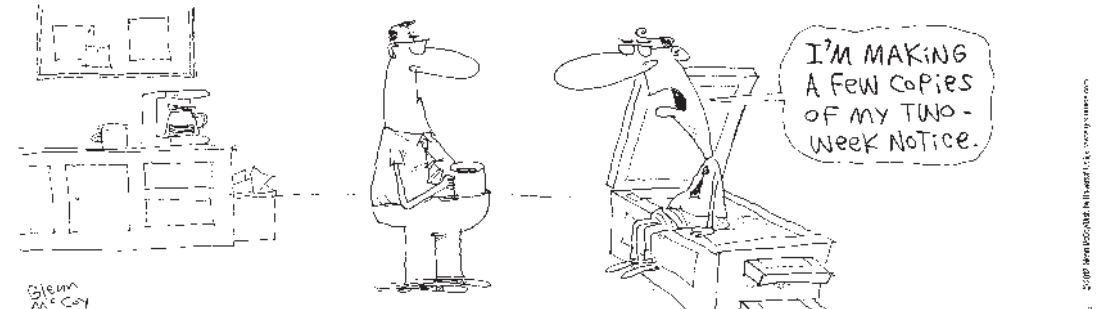


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Speed-of-sound number
- Away from NNE
- Differently
- Jai
- Island garland
- Cambodia neighbor
- Price reduction
- African herd
- Goes in
- Old foundation garment
- "Gee, ya think?"
- Goblet feature
- Young Lincoln
- "Family Guy" daughter
- Burn with steam
- "Go away!"
- Fix the sound-track
- Sandwich cookie
- Chess soldiers

**DOWN**

- Periodical, for short
- Barbie's companion
- Approach
- Dinner for
- Plot
- Rhododendron
- "Hi, sailor!"
- Native country
- Part of GSN
- Coach
- Par-seghian
- Small combo
- News-paper pg.
- Small shots
- Tosses in
- Auntie of Broadway
- "Two and a Half Men" role
- Wagon
- Walked through the woods
- Inebriated
- Stitch
- Offstage areas
- Crete-born painter
- Sight-seers' stop
- Devil's purchase
- Brutus' being
- Snare, for one
- "Monty Python" intro
- Recipe meas.
- "Eureka!"
- Quaint and unpretentious
- Wrigley product
- Director Spike
- "SNL"
- "SNL"
- Like some jacks
- Nassau's islands
- America's uncle
- Stare
- Place to heal
- 1945 conference site
- Palm starch
- Fellow
- Fat
- Okla-homa city
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**Yesterday's answer 9-12**

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## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Emmy Rossum, 26; Jennifer Hudson, 31; Benjamin McKenzie, 34; Jennifer Nettles, 38.

**Happy Birthday:** Your changing attitude may confuse others, but as long as you follow your heart and your goals you will come out on top. Taking what's yours and striving to meet your own criteria will give you the confidence you need to finish what you start and to continue moving in a direction that best suits your needs. Your numbers are 6, 13, 20, 27, 32, 35, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Show off. Have confidence. It's your life, so take control and make things happen. If there is something you want, go after it. If there is someone you want to get to know better, make the effort. Take charge. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Keep your eyes open for anyone trying to dismantle your plans. You may have to make a last-minute change in order to stay on track and finish what you start. Staying calm and showing your professionalism will pay off. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Put time aside for those special people in your life. Don't allow someone's negativity to spoil your fun. Opt to do something that revolves around home and family. Fixing up your place or planning a get-together will give you a boost. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Size up your situation before you make any promises or changes. You need to feel comfortable with your surroundings as well as with the people you are dealing with before you

make a move. Don't put up with aggressive behavior. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Question why you want to do something before you get started. Your motives may be pushing you in a direction that could damage your reputation. Watch to see what others do first. Take a practical position that is attainable. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put more energy into detail and you will get stellar results. You don't have to do more, you just have to be precise. Uncertainty caused by what others do or say is a waste of time. Listen to your heart and follow your intuition. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Lend a helping hand and you will get one in return. Love is in the stars, and spending time with someone you find fascinating will lead to new interests and personal goals. A change of heart regarding relationships will result in greater stability. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't get distracted by someone who is possessive, jealous or makes your life complicated. Focus on the present and what you need to do in order to feel good about your accomplishments. A creative project will help you move forward. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make whatever adjustment is necessary to add to your earning potential or to turn an investment you have into a profit. Take care of personal business and make alterations to your home and family life that better suit your future goals. ★★★★★

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let added responsibilities cause you to miss out on something that can help you get ahead personally or professionally. You have to take care of business before you tend to those who command your attention. Be realistic and stern. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your unusual desire to do things differently will draw attention. Make sure you have the facts to back your plans before you get started. Love is in the stars, and making changes to the way you live will do you good. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Too much of anything will backfire. Stick to what you know you can afford and handle mentally, emotionally, physically and financially before you make promises or take a one-way path. A partnership may be jeopardized. ★★

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CINDERELLA Solution: 6 letters

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# Flacco carries Ravens past Bengals, 44-13



**BALTIMORE** (AP)—The Baltimore Ravens' new no-huddle offence gave the Cincinnati Bengals no chance to win.

Joe Flacco threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns, Ed Reed took an interception 34 yards for a score, and the Ravens rolled to a 44-13 victory Monday night to extend their home winning streak to 11 games.

Flacco and the offence worked this summer on running plays without a huddle, and when it came time to put the new scheme into action, the results were almost flawless. The Ravens amassed 430 yards, didn't commit a turnover and punted only twice.

"That tempo really helped us out because those guys can really get to the passer and really create a lot of pressure," Flacco said. "I think the fact that we were able to go up-tempo and kind of keep those guys on the field took its toll on them."

After letting an early 14-point lead dwindle to 17-13, the Ravens pulled away by scoring 24 straight points in just over six

minutes. Ray Rice ran for 68 yards and two short scores, but instead of dominating the Baltimore attack in his usual fashion, the running back took a back seat to Flacco.

"Obviously, everything went pretty well for us tonight," Flacco said.

Not so for the Bengals, who made the playoffs last year without beating a team that qualified for post-season play. In this one, Cincinnati once again came up short against a high-calibre opponent.

"That certainly wasn't what we expected to have out there today," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We got outplayed and we got outcoached."

Although the 44 points were only 11 fewer than the Ravens mustered in two games against Cincinnati last year, Lewis insisted Baltimore's no-huddle attack wasn't the difference.

"I wish I could say it was the no-huddle," he said. "I think it's an effective thing for them, and it's something they'll continue to do, but I don't think it really bothered us."

The loss sure did.

"They just outplayed us,"

defensive tackle Domata Peko said. "They just beat us today, and we've got to get better."

Flacco watched the final eight minutes of the blowout on the sideline after going 21 for 29 in Baltimore's ninth consecutive victory in the AFC North. The Ravens were the only team in the division to win an opener.

And while the offence certainly was impressive, Baltimore's defence also excelled in its first game under coordinator Dean Pees. Playing without injured NFL Defensive Player of the Year Terrell Suggs—who had 14 sacks last year—the Ravens dropped Andy Dalton four times.

Not only that, but Baltimore turned two turnovers into touchdowns over a two-minute span. After Reed's touchdown return, 37-year-old linebacker Ray Lewis forced a fumble that was recovered by Lardarius Webb, setting up a 1-yard touchdown run by Rice to make it 41-13 with 13:41 remaining.

Lewis and the Baltimore defence are used to carrying this team, but now the offence seems ready to do its part.

"Joe kind of got us into a rhythm and always kept their defence off balance," Lewis said. "We've practised against this offence all off-season, so to see it now, when everything's real, I think you have to take your hats off to how hard we worked as a team."

Reed's jaunt with a pass tipped by Cincinnati receiver Brandon Tate put the safety in the NFL record book. Reed has 1,497 yards in interception returns, eclipsing the previous record of 1,483 yards by Rod Woodson. It was Reed's seventh career score on a pickoff return.

Dalton went 22 for 37 for 221 yards, and BenJarvus Green-Ellis rushed for 91 yards and a score in his Cincinnati debut.

Dalton went 4 for 5 for 56 yards in the opening drive of the second half, and although the drive stalled at the Baltimore 1, Mike Nugent kicked a 19-yard field goal to get the Bengals to 17-13.

Flacco brought the Ravens right back, throwing a bit of Rice into the mix with excellent results. Rice caught a screen pass for 18 yards and ran for 13 more during an 89-yard drive in

which Flacco went 5 for 7 for 73 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dennis Pitta.

After a 40-yard field goal by Ravens rookie Justin Tucker made it 27-13 with 1:13 left in the quarter, Reed struck exactly one minute later.

Flacco went 12 for 15 for 183 yards in the first half to stake Baltimore to a 17-10 lead.

Flacco set the tone for the shootout on the game's first offensive play, throwing deep to Torrey Smith for a 52-yard gain. That set up a 46-yard field goal by Tucker, who won the job in training camp from Billy Cundiff.

Baltimore quickly forced a punt, and Flacco went back to work. He completed a 16-yarder to Jacoby Jones on a third-and-15, tossed a 1-yard pass to Rice on a fourth-and-1 and watched from the backfield as Rice completed the 12-play, 63-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run behind a fine block by fullback Vonta Leach.

"It was really fun for me. I barely got hit tonight," Rice said.

After Dalton got Cincinnati to

10-3 with a 76-yard march that ended with a field goal, Flacco capped an 82-yard drive by splitting two defenders with a 34-yard touchdown pass to Anquan Boldin.

The Ravens finally punted with 6 minutes left in the first half, and Dalton used the rest of the time to move the Bengals to their lone touchdown. The Bengals twice converted fourth downs on the 81-yard march, the last one a 6-yard run into the end zone by Green-Ellis on a fourth-and-1.

## Chargers 22, Raiders 14

In Oakland, California, the Oakland Raiders struggled in Dennis Allen's debut as coach, not scoring a touchdown until the final minute as they lost 22-14 at home against the San Diego Chargers in their NFL season opener.

San Diego's Philip Rivers threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Malcom Floyd and Nate Kaeding equaled his career best by kicking five field goals for the Chargers.

Rivers threw for 231 yards, but was sacked just once and did not turn the ball over after having 20 interceptions a year ago.

## MURRAY

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Championships, as the event was known back then.

"He deserved to win this Grand Slam more than anybody," Djokovic said of Murray, who will rise to No. 3 in the rankings behind No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 2 Djokovic.

Murray vs. Djokovic was a test of will as much as skill, lasting 4 hours, 54 minutes, tying the record for longest U.S. Open final. The first-set tiebreaker's 22 points set a tournament mark. They repeatedly produced fantastic, tales-in-themselves points, lasting 10, 20, 30, even 55—yes, 55!—strokes, counting the serve. The crowd gave a standing ovation to salute one majestic, 30-stroke point in the fourth set that ended with Murray's forehand winner as Djokovic fell to the court, slamming on his left side.

"Novak is so, so strong. He fights until the end in every single match," Murray said. "I don't know how I managed to come through in the end."

But as the finish approached, Djokovic—who had won eight consecutive five-set matches, including in the semifinals (against Murray) and final (against Rafael Nadal) at the Australian Open in January—was the one looking fragile, trying to catch breathers and doing deep knee bends at the baseline to stretch his aching groin muscles. After getting broken to trail 5-2 in the fifth, Djokovic had his legs massaged by a trainer.

"Well, any loss is a bad loss. There is no question about it," Djokovic said. "I'm disappointed to lose the match, but in the

back of my mind I knew that I gave it all. I really, really tried to fight my way back."

No one had blown a two-set lead in the U.S. Open title match since 1949, and Murray was determined not to claim that distinction.

When Djokovic sent a forehand long on the final point, Murray crouched and covered his mouth with both hands, as though even he could not believe this moment had actually arrived. The 25-year-old Scot took off his sneakers, grimacing with each step as he gingerly stepped across the court. Djokovic came around to offer congratulations and a warm embrace, while "Chariots of Fire" blared over the Arthur Ashe Stadium loudspeakers.

Murray was one of only two men in the professional era, which began in 1968, to have lost his first four Grand Slam finals—against Djokovic in the 2011 Australian Open, and against Federer at the 2008 U.S. Open, 2010 Australian Open and this year's Wimbledon.

The other player who began 0-4? Ivan Lendl, who just so happens to be Murray's coach now. Murray's forehand is one of the improvements he's made under the tutelage of Lendl, who sat still for much of the match, eyeglasses perched atop his white baseball hat and crossed arms resting on his red sweater—in sum, betraying about as much emotion as he ever did during his playing days.

During the post-match ceremony, Murray joked about Lendl's reaction: "I think that was almost a smile."

The lack of a Grand Slam title for Murray, and for his country,

has been the subject of much conversation and consternation in the United Kingdom, where the first of what would become tennis' top titles was awarded at Wimbledon in 1877.

Djokovic, in contrast, was bidding for his sixth major trophy, fifth in the past two seasons. He had won 27 Grand Slam hard-court matches in a row.

Murray and Djokovic were born a week apart in May 1987, and they've known, and competed against, each other since they were about 11. Before Saturday's semifinals in New York, they shared a computer and sat together to watch online as Murray's Scotland and Djokovic's Serbia played to a 0-0 draw in a qualifying match for soccer's World Cup.

It was windy at the start Monday, gusting above 25 mph, and Murray dealt with it much better. Djokovic admitted after his semifinal that he was bothered by heavy wind while falling behind 5-2 in the first set Saturday; that's when play was suspended until the next day, the reason the tournament finished on a Monday instead of Sunday for the fifth consecutive year. Murray faced similar conditions in the semifinals—when a changeover chair skidded onto the court as he served one point—and joked after that victory that growing up in wind-whipped Scotland helped.

With the air carrying balls and making them dip or dart this way and that, nearly every shot became a bit of an adventure. Both players repeatedly needed to adjust mid-swing, contorting their bodies simply to make contact. Both let service tosses fall to the ground because the ball would move out of hitting range. As the

wind wrapped around the chair umpire's microphone, it made a loud, distracting sound that resembled thunder.

"We both did a lot of running. It was unfortunate really to not be able to come up with big shots at the right time. It forced me to go for winners or mistakes," Djokovic said. "Unfortunately I did a lot of mistakes."

He totaled 65 unforced errors to Murray's 56; they combined for 49 more unforced errors than winners. That said, there probably should have a statistic to count wind-forced errors.

They traded nearly mirror-image breaks in the first two games, and that made sense, given how good both are at returning serve. Two of the best in the game right now, maybe ever. Djokovic crouches low, his back nearly parallel to the ground, before an opponent serves. Murray shuffles his weight from leg to leg and hops forward at the last second to cut off angles.

Both worked hard, the physical nature taking a toll. Djokovic's right knee was bloodied after he scraped it during a few tumbles to the court when he lost his footing, and he switched shoes late in the third set. Murray clutched his left thigh while deciding not to chase a lob.

There were 10 points of at least 10 strokes each in the first-set tiebreaker, which lasted 25 minutes. Djokovic saved each of Murray's initial five set points, the last with a 123 mph ace to make it 10-all. But Djokovic's backhand flew long at the end of a 21-shot exchange to cede set point No. 6, and this time Murray converted, hitting a 117 mph serve that Djokovic couldn't put in the court.

Murray turned toward his guest box and bellowed, "Come on!"

That loss to Federer in this year's Wimbledon final left Murray in tears, his voice cracking as he told the supportive Centre Court crowd, "I'm getting closer." He appeared to be really, really close Monday, after seizing that epic first set and then racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

But Djokovic is nothing if not tenacious, and he would not go quietly. Raising his level of play as Murray took a step or two backward, Djokovic broke for 4-1 and then again when Murray served for a two-set lead at 5-3. That's when Murray made three unforced errors, truly showing some jitters, as though the prospect of such prosperity was a tad overwhelming.

When Djokovic held to 5-all, it seemed as though the second set might head to a tiebreaker, too.

But with Djokovic serving while trailing 6-5, he was the one who faltered. On a 31-stroke point, Djokovic missed a forehand to make it 15-30. Then Murray's defensive skills came into play, as he got one overhead back and forced Djokovic to hit a second, which sailed wide. Chest heaving, Djokovic put his hands on his hips, having a hard time understanding what was happening. Two points later, Djokovic pushed an inside-out forehand wide, giving Murray that set. Even Lendl rose to his feet.

Djokovic, though, knows how to fashion a comeback. He's won three times after facing a two-set hole, most recently in the French Open's fourth round this year, and most notably in the U.S. Open's semifinals against Federer last year.

"If I had lost this one from two

sets up," Murray said, "that would have been a tough one to take."

After stretching for a backhand volley winner to hold at 1-1 in the third, Djokovic let out a guttural yell and pumped his fists. Across the net, Murray frowned and shook his head. In the very next game, as Murray kept up a monologue of self-admonishment, Djokovic kept up his better-late-than-never charge. He broke for a 2-1 lead, turning on a 126 mph serve with a terrific return. Soon enough, they were headed to a fourth set.

Djokovic held onto the momentum there. He secured a break point by tapping the ball over the net with the lightest caress, then took four steps, raised his right fist and yelled. There was more punching of the air and screaming seconds later after a volley winner put Djokovic ahead 1-0.

The sun was setting, the match was approaching 3 1/2 hours, and it was apparent that Murray was now tentative and in some trouble.

"At some point, it's going to come down to who wants it more or how badly do you want it," Lendl said. "I don't want to say Novak didn't want it. But it's: How bad do you want it? What price are you going to pay and how can you execute under extreme pressure?"

Federer, Djokovic and Nadal—who missed the U.S. Open with a left knee injury—had won 29 of the previous 30 major tournaments (the exception: Juan Martin del Potro in New York in 2009).

Now Murray joins the Grand Slam club.

"I think everybody's in kind of shock," Murray said, "that this happened."



# Bowleras tops Friday Night Mixed League

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The all-women crew of Bowleras reigned supreme in the Friday Night Mixed League, besting 11 other teams.

Bowleras, which has Sue Ellis, Eileen Schardt, Helen Ramos, Cora Muna, and Carrie and Diana Camacho as members, ruled the 24-week competition after posting a 61-35 record. The champion team, which was the only group to have all female keggers on its roster, was awarded the top purse of \$500 during the league's brief recognition ceremony at the Saipan Bowling Center last Friday.

Joining Bowlers in the awards ceremony were runner-up Team Mobil (59.5-36.5) and third finisher Saipan Stevedore (57-39), which received \$450 and \$400, respectively. Team Mobil is composed of John Taisacan,

Tess Fabie, Arnel Ibaretta, Edgar Abalos, Lee Young Woon, Jae Yong Kim, and Tito Corpuz, while Saipan Stevedore members include Raul Dumapit, Roy Crobato, Edward Baluyan, Philippe Savillo, Efen Tauranal, and Jhony Fabian.

Other teams that participated in the weekly league were Long Life (55-41), Pin Pals (54.5-41.5), Primos (52.5-43.5), Team I.J. (51.5-44.5), JET Holdings (49-47), Juan Santiago (39-57), Whatever (37-59), PNB Forex (35-49), and Habeus Bowlus (20-72).

Besides placing third, Saipan Stevedore also topped the high scratch game and handicap series contests, while Long Life and JET Holdings ruled the high handicap game and high scratch series, respectively.

In the individual awards, JET Holdings' Jon Hensley's high scratch game of 269 led Long Life's Robert Talavera (258), while Schardt (244) edged



Members of Bowleras pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the Friday Night Mixed League last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Whatever's Lucy Deleon Guerrero (212) in the women's di-

vision. Hensley also ruled the high scratch series with his 699,

downing Talavera (646), while Diana Camacho (559) showed

no love lost to daughter Carrie (555) in the women's category.

PNB's Randy Abreu took the high handicap game honors with hits 282 pinfalls, defeating Long Life's Ver Cucal (275), while Diana Chong (275) and Fabie (256) finished in the Top 2 in the women's division. Team I.J.'s Zack Cruz posted 705 in the high handicap series race to beat Long Life's Roger De Guzman (701) in the men's division, while Schardt got her second award after outclassing Fabie in the handicap series, 707-686.

After two runner-up finishes, Talavera finally got one win against Hensley in the high average contest, 191.17-181.58. Diana Camacho earned an average of 168.94 to top Fabie (151.14).

In the most improved player race, Abalos and Team I.J.'s Joleen Babauta prevailed over Juan Santiago's John Jimeno and Habeus Bowlus' Cindy Serano, respectively.

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the pennant championship in the process.

The Yankees finished the regular season in second place behind the Brewers and went through defending champion St. Michael's Medical Response Angels in the playoffs before coming out on top over the favored Brewers. Its rivals, however, proved to be no slouch.

Leading up to Monday's finale, the Yankees dropped two games after taking the first meeting, 7-5, and held off the Brewers in the fourth match to stay alive.

The Brew crew capped a pair of strong wins, 10-5 and 11-5, but then spoiled a good opportunity to end it in Game 4.

The Yankees held on and survived the must-win match, 4-3, to force Monday's do-or-die finals meeting.

### Yankees 10, Brewers 5

The Brewers worked out an early 2-1 lead after the opening frame off three hits.

Clifton Silil led off the game with a double and was driven to the plate by Darren Pua who was then doubled home by Manny Sablan.

The Yankees got a run back in the bottom frame from Robert Bansil's RBI single that scored Pat Guerrero, but the count then shifted to 3-2 as both teams traded a run in the second inning.

Brewers' Pua doubled in Ton Guerrero in the top side, while the Yankees weaseled out a run in the bottom portion of an error.

The scoreboard later read, 4-3, in favor of the Brewers after both squads managed to bring around a run in the fourth inning.

Brewers' Kagel Taitano reached on a fielder's choice and snuck home off errors, while Yankees' Greg Iskawa drove in Dave Camacho in the bottom half.

The Yankees then tapped Camacho to relieve starting pitcher J.P. Sablan at the start of the fifth inning and he left the Brewers with a runner at third base.

The Yankees started the bottom frame at the top of its lineup and moved ahead, 5-4, off three hits; Jerome Delos Santos singled on

and scored off an error and Chris Camacho escorted Bansil to the plate with a base rip.

Yankees' Camacho struck out the side in the top of the sixth inning and his teammate Delos Santos obliged with sacrifice fly in the bottom frame that granted passage for Frank Robert.

The seventh inning may have been the turning point of the game as two Brewers base runners were caught stealing, which wrecked what was a good opportunity to mount a comeback.

Brewers' Silil led off the inning with a walk and made it home off an error after a fielder's choice by Pua and a base knock by Roy Celis.

Manny Sablan then stepped into the box with one out, but did not get a chance to swing the bat as the aforementioned pair caused an abrupt end to the inning.

Though it was still a one-run game, 6-5, the Brewers appeared deflated from that point in the match and gave up four runs off four hits in the eighth inning.

The Yankees boarded a pair of runners off a hit and an er-

ror and Guerrero drove in Ben Jones Jr. to keep it rolling.

Bansil then drew a walk to load the bases and Brewers' starter Tom Camacho was roughed up by Greg Camacho's RBI single and a two-RBI base smash by Chris Camacho before Brewers skipper Tony Rogolifoi finally went out the mound to take the ball from his man.

Brewers' Celis stepped to the rubber and got out of the jam, but the damage was already done and Yankees' Camacho held strong on the hump through the late innings.

Yankees' Chris Camacho batted 3-for-5 with three RBIs. Bansil and Guerrero both went 2-for-4 with an RBI, two runs, and a base on balls. Delos Santos and Dave Camacho each scored twice and Iskawa batted 3-for-5, while Brewers' John Taitano swung 2-for-3 and Pua went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and a run.

### Jones Jr. is MVP

After the game, Yankees' Ben Jones Jr. was chosen as the league's most valuable player.

The star centerfielder was

also selected as a Gold Glove winner along with second baseman Chris Camacho.

Notably, Jones Jr. and IT&E Fielders' Anthony Tenorio shined the brightest in the awards ceremony.

The pair finished the season tied for most runs scored (18) and most triples (3), while Tenorio shared top honors for most doubles (5) with Brewers' Roy Celis.

Honorable mention, however, went out to Angels pitcher Manny Cabrera, who was selected as the Rookie of the Year for his impressive performance on the mound, where he maintained a 0.40 earned run average through 22 innings, topping the category.

In addition, Yankees' lefty Joshua Jones was hailed as

the league strikeout king (62), while home run honors were split between IT&E Fielders' Brandon Santos and the Yankees duo of Jerome Delos Santos and Tom Agulto; the trio each hit one apiece.

Angels' John Reyes won the batting crown (0.513), while Brewers' Byron Kaipat led the league in runs batted in (16).

The awards presentation concluded with the Yankees being presented with their individual championship trophies. The group also learned that its team name would be inscribed on the SMLBA's new perpetual championship trophy.

The Yankees also received regular season runner-up honors, while the Brewers were presented with the pennant and runner up spoils.

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aged to ring in a couple of 3-pointers in the second quarter, but Aranda heated up for 7 points and a handful of assists on the other end that helped get things going for the champs heading into halftime.

Though they already seized the lead before intermission, the Sonics really awoke in the third quarter and trudged ahead, 60-42.

Bryl Alegre led the charge with 8 markers and the group also did a good job on defense, limiting Rollers to only a dozen points in each the last two frames.

The Sonics shot so far ahead that the entire fourth quarter was reduced to garbage time.

Sonics' Jimmy Tudela came away with scoring honors with 15 points, while Rollers 1 enforcer Rainier Deleon Guerrero scrambled for a game-high 16 in the loss.

U20's Ol' Aces took on RBC's

Rollers 2 last night, while tonight's matchup features LD Prime against Kagan; more details are forthcoming.

Solitary U20 matches will be held Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursday at 5:30pm. Other competing U20 teams include Proa, Hi-5, and Chalan Kanoa Saints.

In addition, the Rotary caging's six-team U16 age division kicks off this Saturday at the Ada Gym with a tripleheader starting at 9am when defending champion Proa cuts the ribbon against RBC's Rollers 1. It will be followed by HI-5 colliding with RBC's Rollers 2 at 10:15am and D-South versus RBC's Rollers 3 at 11:30am.

**Sonics 76** – Tudela 15, Aranda 14, Salem 12, De Guzman 11, Alegre 8, Caro 6, Villanueva 6.

**Rollers 54** – Deleon Guerrero 16, Darag 11, Dela Rosa 10, Suarez 8, Lansang 5, Manibusan 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-14, 33-29, 60-42, 76-54.

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a 59-62 deficit to a 65-62 lead. However, Mobil, which defeated Armatech in the 2010 finals, 93-80, answered from the stripe, making 10 free throws to thwart Esdrelon and company.

### Hoopaholics 84, Sonics 48

The Hoopaholics/Oceanside Bar recorded the first lopsided win in the opening day, thumping the Sonics.

The Hoopaholics limited the Sonics to no more than 11 points in the first three quarters to begin its campaign in the Emon Lodge caging with a

bang. Four Hoopaholics player broke into double figures with Ben Lisua leading the way with his 18 points. Trevor Ogomoro chipped in 16, and Zack Babauta and Walter Mendez added 15 and 10, respectively.

Ogomoro logged 8 of his 16 markers in the opening canto for the Hoopaholics' 19-8 lead. The Sonics went on to score 11 and 9 in the second and third canto, allowing the Hoopaholics to pad the lead to 28, 56-28.

### PIC 83, Archers 62

In the second game, Pacific Islands Club cruised past the Archers after getting twin digits from four of its starters.

James Abuy paced PIC with his 25 points, Wowie Abuel

contributed 14, and Bart Demapan and Brett Sutton posted 13 and 12, respectively.

Jack Lizama led the Archers with his 19 markers, as kept the team in contention in the first half, which ended with PIC ahead by only 4, 32-28.

Then in the third quarter, Abuy ran the show for PIC, scoring 15 of their 25 markers, including two triples for their 56-48 advantage. Demapan then took over from Abuy in the fourth, posting 10 points.

### Fong's Bakery 83, Servitek 71

In the third match, Fong's Bakery neutralized Servitek in the second half to win its debut.

Fong's Bakery's held Servitek





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## Murray finally wins Grand Slam with US Open title

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**N**EW YORK (AP)—His considerable lead, and a chance at history, slipping away, Andy Murray dug deep for stamina and mental strength, outlasting Novak Djokovic in a thrilling five-set, nearly five-hour U.S. Open final Monday.



It had been 76 years since a British man won a Grand Slam singles championship and, at least for Murray, it was well worth the wait.

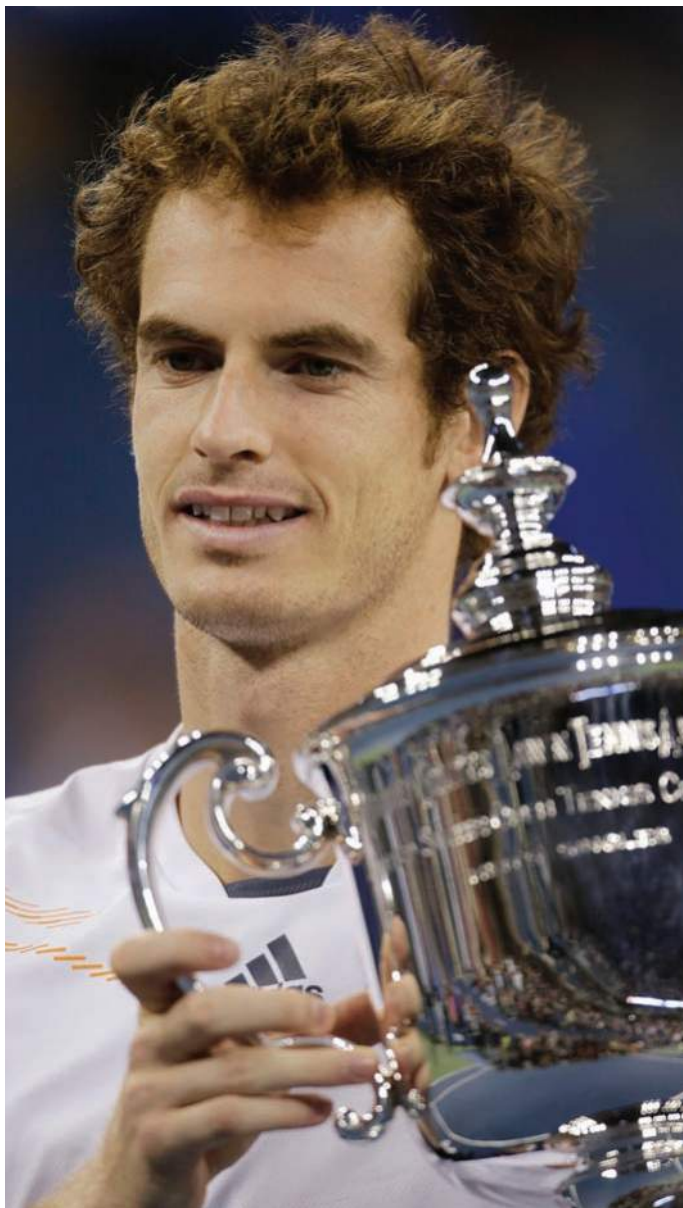
Ending a nation's long drought, and snapping his own four-final skid in majors, Murray finally pulled through with everything at stake on a Grand Slam stage, shrugging off defending champion Djokovic's comeback bid to win 7-6 (10), 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2.

"Relief is probably the best word I would use to describe how I'm feeling just now," Murray said, adding: "You do think: Is it ever going to happen?"

Murray already had showed he could perform on a big stage by winning the gold medal in front of a home crowd at the London Olympics last month. But this was different. This was a Grand Slam tournament, the standard universally used to measure tennis greatness—and the 287th since Britain's Fred Perry won the 1936 U.S.

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► Britain's Andy Murray poses with the trophy after beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in Murray vs. Djokovic was a test of will as much as skill, lasting 4 hours, 54 minutes, tying the record for longest U.S. Open final. the championship match at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 10, 2012, in New York.



## Sonics open U20 title defense with victory

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Reigning champion Sonics got off to a good start in the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League's U20 season opener with a dominating 76-54 victory over the Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 1, Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

After a tight first half, the

Sonics built a hefty double-digit lead in the third quarter and never looked back.

Rollers 1 actually managed a slim 14-13 lead as both squads felt each other out in the opening 10 minutes.

The Sonics spread the ball around early on and leaned on point guard Jack Aranda in the second quarter as they pulled in front, 33-29, at halftime.

Rollers' John Darag man-  
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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Sonics' Jimmy Tudela drives to the hoop against Rollers 1's Tristan Caro in Monday's Rotary Club caging U20 division season opener held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Yankees win SML championship Mobil wins early rematch with Armatech



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
The Saipan Stevedore Company Yankees smile for the camera after clinching the 2012 SMLBA championship over the Tan Holdings Brewers, 10-5, Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Saipan Stevedore Company Yankees took the championship after prevailing over pennant winner Tan Holdings Brewers, 10-5, in Game 5 of the Saipan Major League Baseball Association title series Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The team is comprised of

Tom Agulto, Robert Bansil, Chris, Dave and Greg Camacho, Jerome Delos Santos, Patrick Guerrero, Greg Iskawa, Ben Jones Jr., Joshua Jones, Frank Robert, J.P. Sablan, and Jonathan Tenorio with player-coach Mel Sakisat and SMLBA's first-ever female manager Raena Camacho.

"My first managing experience was very exciting and I was speechless after [Monday's] game. I want to thank the

players for helping me get accustomed to being a team manager. A great deal of thanks also goes to their families and all of the San Roque fans for their support. We also want to extend out gratitude to our sponsor Saipan Stevedore Company and Rep. Ray Yumul," said manager Camacho after the game.

The group plans to stay together to defend its title next year and is setting a goal to nab  
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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Fong's Bakery's Lerio Pagarao, left, fakes off the defense of Servitek's J.P. Jose during the second quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Defending champion Mobil prevailed in its early rematch against Armatech/LED Lights, 86-78, while three other teams earned easy wins, as the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup kicked off last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Jun Estolas sizzled 30 points in Mobil's debut win, while Ron Gamboa and Banjo Basilla also finished in double-digits with 17 and 12, respectively.

After going scoreless in the first period, which ended with Armatech ahead, 17-14, Estolas redeemed himself in the second canto, firing 15 to put Mobil on top at the break, 42-31. The explosive guard continued to show no respect to Armatech's defense in the second half and Mobil survived its foe's 3-point shooting in the fourth canto to escape with the 8-point win.

Elmer Esdrelon, who missed the first half, started the fourth with back-to-back treys to turn  
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